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EDITORIAL.

There is a sense in which it may be said, that the heart knoweth not its own bitterness.

Your mission as a Christian brother and sister is to be or should be a coverer of sins. If you know anything to the detriment of one's character, hold it as a sacred deposit to be used religiously. Never think that you can make yourself great by making others less. Remember, Charity shall cover a multitude of sins.

The Seer donates its pages this month, for the full report of Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Treasurer of the W. H. & F. M. Society. Look over it carefully. The report is a good one, and reflects credit upon the good women of our Church. We take pride and pleasure in commending Mrs. Ida V. Smith and the local presidents throughout the Connection, for their indefatigable labors and much sacrifice in this department of our church life. We hope that the good pastors and presidents of the local societies will see to it that one-half of all money raised in the society be sent dirent to Mrs. Ida V. Smith.

$10,000 NEEDED FOR AFRICA.

Dear Bishops, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Presidents of the W. H. & F. M. Society, Superintendent of Sunday schools, Presidents of the Varick C. E. Society and General Officers of the W. H. & F. M. Society. If there was ever a time in the history of our Missionary Department that we need your influence and your unstinted support in the cause of missions and the betterment of humanity and the salvation of the world, it is now. We are asking for $10000 for Africa, and we believe that the A. M. E. Zion Church is fully able to give it. We are sending out leaflets and pledge cards, asking each pastor throughout the Connection to give our department one full service, the fourth Sunday in September, and all money raised at this one service, be sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board for this glorious cause. Our programs will be out and ready for distribution September 1, 1917.

Much credit is due Mrs. Annie W. Blackwell for the great success of our recent Missionary Convocation held at Knoxville, Tenn. No woman in any Church can beat her planning for big things. She is truly the embodiment of uccess. She knows how to do things and she never thinks of yeilding until she has won. Indeed she is a lover of humanity, and her heart is in the work.

Our Missionary Convocation, recently held in Knoxville, Tenn., was one of real inspiration. It was marked for its pleasing personality and intellectual presentation. The brilliant stars of the Convocation were Mrs. A. W Blackwell, Mrs. Marie C. Clinton, Mrs G. C. Clement (who presided) Mrs Ida V. Smith, Mrs. Henrietta Peters and Miss Cillian C. Tshablala. Our meeting there was graced with some of Knoxville's most intellectual citizens. Many presiding elders, pastors and their wives were in attendance, including many delegates from various fields. On Saturday morning of the Convocational week we were invited to visit Knoxville College. The invitation was extended to us by Prof. McGranahan. We accepted without reluctance. We were glad of the opportunity to say a word for Africa and her people before the student body of Knoxville College. Bishop G. C. Clement had charge of a well arranged program. Among those who spoke were Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, Mrs. Marie L. Clinton, Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Mrs. Geo. C. Clement, Mrs. Henrietta Peters, ye editor, Miss Tshablala spoke and sang in her native tongue, Ami-Zulu. Well, you should have been there, it was a moment of inspiration. We were so interesting until the Professor gave us many minutes beyond our allotted time. Well, its a tie between the two big missionary convocations. The one at Birmingham, Ala., and the one at Knoxville, Tenn. Hats off to the noble women of our Zion who are engaged in this noble work.

MISSIONARY CONVOCATION.

Our mammoth Missionary Convocation meeting, which composes the Allegheny, Ohio, Kentucky, West Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan and Indi-

ana conferences will convene at Jones' Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church, Indianapolis, Ind., Thursday August 2nd, under the auspices of the W. H. & F. M. Society. The management of the Convocation will be directed by Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, Mrs. Florence Randolph, Mrs. Marie Clinton, Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Mrs. G. C. Clement, Mrs. L. W. Kyles, Miss Victoria Richardson, Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. W. L. Lee, Mrs. A. J. Warner, Mrs. J. W. Alstork, Mrs. Lelia Walters, Mrs. C. R. Harris, Mrs J. W. Hood, Mrs. M. R. Franklin, Mrs. R. B. Bruce, Mrs. Mary J. Small, Miss Sarah Janifer, Mrs. Mary E. Washington, Mrs. Lizzie Evans Pierce, Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Mrs. Lena Harris, Mrs. Daisy Johnson, Revs. T. A. Auten, J. P. Foote, J. C. Thompson, W. H. Tucker, P. W. Lawrence, J. H. McMullen and Mrs. B. L. Stinson and all of the local presidents or the representatives included in this Convocational District in the conferences named above. This will be one of the most conspicuous meetings of the year. Representatives will attend from every section of the country and many of our missionaries from the foreign field will be present. We are looking forward to the greatest meeting of its kind, ever held in our Zion. At the conclusion of this great meeting, the entire delegation will sweep on to the Connectional Council, which will meet at Walters' Chapel, A. M. E. Zion church, 38th and Dearborn Sts., Chicago, Ill., Wednesday August 8th at 10 a. m.

Third Quarterly Report.

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

From Dec. 1st 1916 to Feb. 28, 1917

By Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Treas.

First Episcopal District,
Bishop Walters.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Mrs. J. E. C. Boyd, Dist. President.
Mass Meeting Dec.—Rorchester.
New York. Central District.
Mrs. J. E. C. Boyd for Mrs. Peters, Quittah Bldg.

Mother Zion Church, N. Y.			$ 4 00
Yonkers	"	"	2 00
Mt. Vernon	"	"	2 30
By Receipts	"	"	68 00
New Rochelle	"	"	5 00
Tarrytown	"	"	1 50
[illegible]maroneck	"	"	3 00
[illegible]aster	"	"	3 75
	"	"	2 30
Sparkhill	"	"	1 00
Sale of quadrennial Minutes			1 00
Total District			122 00

W. H. & F. M. S.
LongIsland District.
Mrs. Ida Wallace, Dist. President.
Second Quarterly Mass Meeting.

Oyster Bay	$ 3 00
Lakeville	1 50
Westberry	3 00
Total District	7 50

Buds of Promise.

Oyster Bay	$ 50
Lakeville	50
Total	1 00

Supply.

Lakeville	30
Westberry	25
Treasurer	45
Total District	1 00

Miss V. Moore, Brooklyn, N. York.
Mrs. Laura Fulford, Fleet St., $ 10 00
Mrs. Rosabelle Fesco, Fleet St.
Life Membership

Total District	39 00
New York Conference	161 00

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Boston District.

W. H. & F. M. Society.
Mrs. T. A. Auten, District President.
Mrs. Sarah J. Jackson, West Newton, Mass.,
Second Quarterly Mass Meeting, Worcester, Mass., January 24th

Christmas offering, Foreign Work	$2 00
First Ch. Providence, R. I.	$ 2 00
Cambridge, Mass	2 00
New Bedford, Mass	2 05
Attleboro "	50
Total District	6 55

Supply Department.

Boston	25
First Church Providence	25
Worcester, Mass	25
Cambridge, ,,	25
New Bedford, "	25
Attleboro, "	25
Total District	1 50

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

First church Providence, R I.	10
Worcester, Mass	10
New Bedford "	10
Total	30

Buds of Promise.

Boston, Mass	25
Worcester "	05
Cambridge "	05
NewBedford,	05
Total District	40
Mrs. H. Peters, Quittah Bldg, By Receipt	5 00
Contingent Fund	50
Total District	14 25

W. H. & F. M. Society.
Second Mass Meeting.
Mrs. Rhody Stanley.

Jan. 24th	$ 2 00

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. M. A. Cartwright, Boston, Massachusett	$4 00
Mrs. M. A. Cartwright, African Boys	1 00
Mrs. M. Wiggins, New Bedford, Massachusetts.,	2 00
Mrs. M. Wiggins, African Boy	1 00
Mrs. Freeman, Cambridge, Mass	50
Mrs. Freeman, African Boy	25
Total	8 75
Total District	27 00

Hartford District.

Mrs, Delia Ealey. District President.
Mass Meeting October 26th and 27th.
W. H. & F. M. Society.

New Haven Conn	$ 1 00
Meridian "	1 00
Waterbury "	1 00
Hartford "	3 66
Williamantic "	1 00
Derby "	50
Norwich "	1 00
Hayden's Station	1 00
Danbury, Conn	1 00
Total District	11 15

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Waterbury, Conn	1 00
Derby "	1 00
Norwich "	50
Hayden station	1 00
Total District	3 50

Buds of Promise.

Waterbury, Conn	1 00
Williamantic "	75
Derby "	25
Norwich "	50
Hayden's Station	50
Total District	3 00
Total New England Conference	44 65

Central North Carolina Conference.
Raleigh District.
W. H. and F. M. Society.

Miss May Monroe, Durham, North Carolina	4 00
Y. W. H. & F. M. Society	3 50
Buds of Promise	3 50
Fourth District	70 00
Total Central N. C. Conference	81 00
Total for First District	287 14

Second Episcopal District,
Bishop G. W. Clinton.

New Jersey Conference, N. J. Dist.
Rev. Florence Randolph Dist. Pres.
Rev. Florence Randolph Xmas Offering, Foreign Work 2 00
Second Quarterly Mass Meeting; Feb. 1st, Newark, N. J.
Mrs. Anna Harper, Jersey City, N. Jersey 3 00
Mrs. Ella Somerville, Hackensack,

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

N. J..... 2 00
Mrs. Hattie Williams, Bayonne, N. Jersey..... 2 00
Miss Eva Thompson, Red Bank N. Jersey 3 00
Rosville, N. J..... 2 00
Mrs. Martha Bryant, Newark, N. Jersey..... 4 00
Mrs. Howard, Somerville N. J 1 00
Miss Buck West Neworighton N. Jersey..... 2 00
Mrs. Edna Holden, Westfield, N. Jersey 4 00
Mrs. Minerva Miller, Paterson, N. Jersey 4 00
Miss Lizzie Addison, Camden, N. Jersey..... 1 00
Miss Mamie Pitts, Middletown, N. Jersey..... 1 00
Mrs. Emma Wiley, Eatontown, N. Jersey,..... 3 00
Reeveytown..... 50
Mrs. Batchelor, Trenton, N. J. 1 75
Hutchins, Burlington, N. J..... 1 00
Total District..... 36 25
Mrs. Peters for African girl... 5 00
Mrs. Mary L. Taylor, Eatontewn, Life Member..... 2 00
Mrs. Minerva Miller, Paterson, N. J. Life Member..... 2 00
Mrs. Eva Thompson, Red Bank, Life Member 5 00
Total District..... 12 00

Y. W. H. & F. M. Society.

Mrs. Anna Harper, District Secretary.
Miss Jennie Sisco, Closter..... 1 00
Miss Louise Searce, Bayonne 75
Miss Fannie Thomas, Englewood 75
Miss Ida Manning, Westfield.... 50
Miss Mabel Berry, Camden..... 75
Miss Claudie Moore, Somerville 1 00
Total District..... 4 75

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Carrie Langford, District Superintendent, Atlantic City.
Westfield.....$ 75
Somerville 1 00
Camden..... 75
Hackensack..... 75
Ridgewood 1 00
Paterson 75
Jersey City 1 25
——
6 25

Mrs. Carrie Goode, Red Bank, N. J. Second Quarterly Mass Meeting, Somerville, Feb. 1st, 1917.
Matawan..... 1 00
Red Bank 2 00
Eatontown 2 00
Englewood..... 50
W. New Brighton..... 75
Trenton.... ..... 1 00
——
7 25

SUPPLY

Mrs. B. F. Wheeler, Hackensack, N. J..... 5 65
Total New Jersey Conference 77 15

Western North Carolina ference.

Charlotte District, W. H. & F. S.
Rev. J. Francis Lee, Quittah Building..... 5 00

Salisbury District
Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Miss Mabel Harris, Salisbury. Mem. Church, Tag Day..... 5 51

Lincolnton District.
Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Mattie Crawford, Clover, S. C. 3 00
Mrs. Lillie B. Anderson, Rutherfordton, N. C..... 2 00
Mrs. Lillie B. Anderson, Xmas offering, F. Wk..... I 00
Mrs. May Duly, Gastonia, N. C. 50
6 50
Western North Carolina Conference..... 17 11

Blue Ridge Conference

Asheville District.
W. H. & F. S.

Mrs. J. E. Coleman, Hot Springs, N. C., for Mrs. Amy McBee, White Pine, Tenn..... 2 00

Hendersonville. District.

Mrs. Hattie A. Anderson, Y, 1916 ..... 5 00
Mrs. Lucy Carpenter, St. Paul Church..... 2 50
7 50
Mrs. Mary Green, Johnson City, Tenn.. ..... 1 00

Asheville District.

Blue Ridge Conference..... 10 00

East Tennessee Conference.

Bristol District.
Mrs. Cora Reddick, Elizabethtown, Tenn., Buds 25
Mrs. Mary E. Bailes, Surgoinville, Tenn., W. H..... 1 00
Mrs. Alice Arwin, Wilder, Va 3 00
4 00
East Tennessee Conference..... 4 25
Total Second District..... 109 01

Third Episcopal District.

BISHOP J. W. ALSTORK.
Alabama Conference—Tuskegee District.

Mrs. C. W. Green, Tuskegee Institute, from a Conference 3 15
Alabama Conference..... 3 15

South Alabama Conference.
Brewton District.

Bishop J. W. Alstork, from Annual Conference, Dec. 12, 1916.
Mrs Susan Page, W. H..... 24 44
Secretary Y. W. H..... 2 50
Supt. Buds of Promise..... 3 00
29 94

Greenville District.

Mrs. Eliza Payne, W. H..... 8 12
Secretary Y. W. H 8 00
Superintendent Buds..... 1 00
17 12

Georgiana District.

Mrs. S. M. Brooks, W. H. 15 17
Mrs. E. M. Jones, Y. W. H. 6 00
District Supt. Buds..... 1 75
22 92
South Alabama Conference.. 69 98
Total Third District..... 73 13

Fourth Episcopal District.

BISHOP J. S. CALDWELL

Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference.

Philadelphia District.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Ella Kane, York, Pa., E. King St. Church 3 40
Mrs. Sarah Janifer, District President, Washington District.
Mrs. Annie Orr, Dist. Treasurer.
First Qnarterly Mass Meeting, St. Michaels, Md., Sept. 2, 1916.
Metropolitan Church 1 50
Union Wesley Church 3 88
Galbraith Church 2 00
Arlington, Va. Church 50
Mrs. H. Turner, St. Michael's 1 00
10 68

Second Quarterly Mass Meeting, Union Wesley Church, Dec. 14, 1916.
Metropolitan Church 2 00
Union Wesley Church 2 88
Galbraith Church 2 00
Trinity Church 1 00
Burrville Church 75
Arlington, Va. 50
Mrs. Annie Owens, Union Wesley, Life member 3 25
13 38

Y W. H. & F. M. S.

Miss Mary L. Mason, District Sec.
Mrs. Gertrude Brown, John Wesley, Life Member 2 00
Miss Cleo Ridgeley, Union Wesley, Life member 3 00
5 00

Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference 32 66

Allegheny Conference.

Mrs. E. Green Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Benevolent Board, John Wesley' Supply Department. 3 00
Allegheny Conference 3 00

West Alabama Conferenc.

Mrs. Decimma G. Lucas, Old Spring Hill, Ala.
Convention 27 00
Annual Conference 8 50
West Alabama Conference 35 50
Total for the District 71 16

Fifth Episcopal District.

BISHOP G. L. BLACKWELL.

Virginia Conference—Norfolk District.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Bishop G. L. Blackwell, from Annual Conference.
Public Collection 18 00
Mrs. V. E. Parsons, Life Member 6 70
Mrs. Mary A. Evert, Franklin, Va. 7 50
Mrs. Bailey, New Port News 2 50
" Hannah Cuffey, Berkley, Va., St. Marks 1 00
Mrs. May Hunter, Sunbury, N. C 1 00
Mrs. Abbie Dardea, Wesley Union, Norfolk, Va. 25
Mrs. Laura Lankford, Brighton, Va. 25
Mrs. Cornelia Gray, Gilberton, Va. 80
20 00

Petersburg District.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Nannie Brooks, Petersburg, Va. 6 00
Mrs. Nannie Brooks, Annual Conference 44 00
Mrs. Rosa Warren, Wakefield, Va., Quarter ending Dec. 22, '16 55
44 55

Virginia Conference 44 55

Albemarle Conference, Edenton District.

Bishop G. L. Blackwell Public Collection. 19 12

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. E. H. Badham, Edenton, N. C. 12 75
Mrs. E. A. Felton, Y's 15 45
Miss Andrews, Buds 2 25
30 45

Elizabeth City District.

Mrs. F. Butler, District President.
Miss I. E. Johnson Y. 3 75
Annual Conference 53. 32

W. H. & F. M. S.

First Quarterly Mass Meeting, Williamston, N. C., Feb. 1, '17.
Mrs. M. E. Badham, District President 1 00
Mrs. Mattie Freeman Kedesh Church 1 00
Mrs. Carter Harrison, Plymouth Church 1 00
Mrs. Cantanch, Local Pres. 1 00
Mrs. Zipporah Norwell, Macedonia 50
Public Collection 3 02
7 52

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. E. A. Fleton, District Secretary 1 00
Mrs. L. A. White, Local President 1 00
Mrs. Arnette World, Kedesh 1 00
Contribution 3 02
6 02

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Emma E. Andrews, District Superintendent.
Miss Rebecca Hyman, Williams' Chapel 1 00
Kedesh Church, Edenton 1 00
Contribution 3 02
5 2

SUPPLY

Mrs. Z. B. Norwell, Roper. N. C. 1 50
18 56
Total Albemarle Conference 73 38

West Central North Carolina Conference.

Greensboro District.

Bishop G. L. Blackwell, Annual Conference.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Mary Turner, President 34 50
Miss Bessie Foushee, Sect. 15 00
Miss Lizzie Deberry, District Superintendent 10 84
60 34

Concord District.

Mrs. L. A. Litaker, President 5 00
Contribution at Conference 9 63
14 63

West Central Annual Conference 74 94

Wadesboro District.

Mrs. E. A. Covington, First Mass Meeting 3 00
Mrs. I. B. Deberry, Rockingham, W. H. 4 00
Mrs. N. A. Stewart, Buds 2 30
6 30

Total West Central Conference 84 47
Total for District 202 40

Sixth Episcopal District.

BISHOP A. J. WARNER

Cape Fear Conference.

Mrs. S. A. Cook, Goldsboro, N. C., Y. 3 00
Cape Fear Conference 3 00

Seventh Episcopal District.

BISHOP L. W. KYLES.

Michigan Conference.

Chicago District.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Delilah Thomas, Walter's Church.
First Mass Meeting, Jan. 23, 12 00
Mrs. Lillian Browder, District Secretary.
Miss Virginia Claxton, Walter's Church 1 00
Mrs. L. P. Powell, St. Matthews 12 95
13 95
Michigan Conference 25 95

Indiana Conference, Indianapolis District.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Miss Laura Chambers 5 00

SUPPLY.

Mrs. Minnie Edwards, Jones' Tabernacle 25
Mrs. Lelia Bright, Caldwell Chapel 5 00
Mrs. Lula Bonapart, Messiah Temple 50
Supply..... 24
11 00

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Miss Laura Chambers, Jones Tabernacle 10 00
Supply..... 10
Mrs. Minnie Tabor, Caldwell Chapel..... 11 00
Supply 10
21 20

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Alice McGowan, Jones' Tabernacle..... 5 00
Supply 05
Mrs. Lula Bright, Caldwell Chapel..... 1 50
6 55

Indiana Conference 38 75

California Conference.

Mrs. M. E. Jacobs, Oakland, California.
Xmas offering for F. Work 2 00
California Conference..... 2 00
Total for Seventh District.. 66 60

Eighth Episcopal District.

Bishop, R. B. Bruce.

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Ninth Episcopal District.

Bishop W. L. Lee.

North Louisiana Conference 2 78
South Mississipi Conference 14 95
Central Alabama Conference 26 20
Total for Ninth District 45 93

Tenth Episcopal District.

Bishop G. C Clement.

Tennessee Conference—Knoxville District.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Cora E. Burke, Logan Temple 12 00
Mrs. J M. Browder, Logan Temple, Buds 4 00
16 00

Chattanooga District.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. A. G. Sams, Ft. Cheatham Church.

First Quarter, Feb. 14,..... 4 15
Mrs. Bertha Singleton for Mrs. Katie Hyatte, Buds 1 30
4 45
Tennessee Conference 21 45

Kentucky Conference.

Mrs. Amanda J. Muler, Bardstown, Ky., District Superintendent.
Buds..... 3 00
Kentucky Conference 3 00
Total for Tenth District..... 24 45

EPISCOPAL DISTRICT BY CONFERENCES.

First Episcopal District—Bishop A. Walters.

New York Conference..... 161 50
New England Conference..... 44 65
Central North Carolina Conference 91 00
287 15
Grand Total First District 287 15

Second Episcopal District—Bishop G. W. Clinton.

New Jersey Conference..... 77 15
Western North Carolina Conference 17 11
Blue Ridge Conference 10 50
East Tennessee Conference.... 4 25
Grand Total Second District 109 01

Third Episcopal District—Bishop J. W. Alstork.

South Alabama Conference 69 98
Alabama Conference 3 15
Grand Total Third District 73 13

Fourth Episcopal District—Bishop J. S. Caldwell.

Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference 32 66
Allegheny Conference..... 3 00
West Alabama Conference 71 16
Grand Total Fourth District 35 50

Fifth Episcopal District—Bishop G. L. Blackwell.

Virginia Conference 44 55
Albemarle Conference 73 38
West Central Conference.... 84 47
Grand Total Fifth District 202 40

Sixth Episcopal District—Bishop A. J. Warner.

Cape Fear Conference..... 3 00
Grand Total Sixth District.. 3 00

Seventh Episcopal District—Bishop L. W. Kyles.

Michigan Conference 25 85
Indiana Conference..... 38 75
California Conference 2 00
Grand Total Seventh District 66 60

Eighth Episcopal District—Bishop R. B. Bruce.

0 0 0 0

Ninth Episcopal District—Bishop W. L. Lee.

North Louisana Conference 2 78
South Mississippi Conference 14 93
Central Alabama Conference 28 20
Grand Total Ninth District.. 45 93

Tenth Episcopal District—Bishop G. C. Clement.

Tennessee Conference 21 45
Kentucky Conference 3 00
Grand Total Tenth District 24 41
Grand Total Ten Episcopal Districts 882 83

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS.

First, Bishop A. Walters.. 237 15
Second, Bishop G. W. Clinton 109 01
Third, Bishop J. W. Alstork 73 31
Fourth, Bishop J. S.Caldwell 71 16
Fifth, Birhop G. L. Blackwell 202 40
Sixth, Bishop A. J. Warner 3 00
Seventh, Bishop L. W. Kyles 66 60
Eighth, Bishop R. B. Bruce OOOO
Ninth, Bishop W. L. Lee.... 45 93
Tenth, Bishop G. C. Clement 24 45
Total..... 882 83
Grand Total Ten Districts ... 882 83

SUMMARY.

W. H. & F. M. S..... 681 59
Y. W. H. F. M. S. 126 16
Buds of Promise..... 75 06
882 83
Life members 78 25
Supply Department 8 90
Quittah Building $108.00 Cash and reciepts
Christmas offering for A boys 9 00
Education of A. Child.. ... 5 00
Contingent Fund 50

LIFE MEMBERS IN FULL.

Dec. 30, 1916, Mrs. Victoria Parsons, Hickory, Va.
Feb. 10, 1917, Mrs. May L. Taylor, Eatontown, N. J.
Feb. 22, 1917, Mrs. R. E. Rowan, Indianapolis, Ind.
Dec. 28, 1917, Mrs. Rosabelle Reaco, Brooklyn, N. Y.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Dec. 14, 1916, Paid to Reserved Fund Deficit, Aug. 30, ... 190 15
Dec. 18, 1916, Bishop J. W. Alstork, Beresford Cole.
Clothing, school supplies(By Receipt) ..... 19[illegible]
Dec. 18th Walter Dollie, clothing, supplies..... 14 20
Dec. 20th, Paid Foreign Work..1047 66
" " 1,000 envelopes, rhem of paper, Treas..... 2 75
Dec. 20th, 157 letters, Treas..... 3 14
" " Postal cards, Treas... 15
" 30th, Paid Reserved Treasury, Life Members..... 95 00
Xmas Offering, Foreign work.. 7 00
Supply Department 3 00
Receipts 33 92
Total, Dec., 1916,..... 1,279 05

NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

Jan., 13th, 1917, Paid Rev F. Randolph letterheads, printing envelope.. 3 00
Jan. 20th, Paid Foreign work.. 275 00
" 27th, Paid J. H. Anderson, Editor Star of Zion..... 5 00
Jan. 28th, Mrs. T. A. Auten, Quittah Bldg., Receipt..... 5 00
Jan. 30th Traveling Expenses of Treasurer to Concord, N. C., & return 20 00
Office Supplies--eraser..... 10
40 letters..... 80

Salaries.

Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, December and January,..... 50 00
Mrs. M. L. Clinton..... 25 00
Miss Victoria Richardson..... 25 00
Mrs. Ida V. Smith 41 66
Reserved Treasury, Life Member 3 25
Supply Department..... 2 20
Contingent Fund..... 50
Receipts..... 5 00
Total Dec. & January.....4,515 51
Feb. 10th, 1917, Quittah Bldg.. 98 00
Paid Reserved Fund, Life Members $50 00
Supply Department 8 45
African Boys..... 3 25
Educate African Girls..... 5 00
Quittah Bldg 5 00
Feb. 23 To Mr. Leatherwood, Printer, Letterheads, envelopes, Treasure 1 50
Speeial Delivery Stamps..... 40
50 letters, Treasure 1 00
Receipts..... 98 00
Total, Feb.,..... 73 60
Dec. 1916.....1,279 05 Cash
Jan. 1917..... ..451 51 "
Feb. " ....73 60 "
Total ..... 1,804 16 "
December Receipts..... 33 92
January " 5 00
February " 98 00
Total "..... 136 92
Cash $1,804 16
Receipts..... 136 92
Cash & Receipts.....1,941 08
Total Cash & Receipt.....1,941 08

Receipts.

Dec. By Receipt..... 33 92
" " " 416 43
Jan " " 5 00
" " 73 37
Feb, " " 68 00
" " " 256 11
Total Cash&" 882 83

Disbursements.

By Receipts..... 33 92
" " 1279 05
" " 5 00
" " 451 51
" " 98 00
" " 73 60
Total Cash & Receipt.....1941 08
Bro't over 2nd Quarter.....1130 40
Receeipts 3rd " 882 83
Total Receeipts 2,913 24
Disbursments 1,841 08
Balanee,.....— 73 16
Bro't over Convoeation.....131 06
Franklin, Va., October... .....203 22
In Treasury.....203 22
To be dedueted from the above amount.
Board and Lodging for Rev. W. A. Deane..... 25 00
Traveling Expenses 25 00
Office Expenses..... 30 00
Mrs. M. L. Clinton, Secretary 3 00
Mrs. Florence Randolph (Flowers.) 6 00
Charlie Aecolatse, Medicine.... 2 00
Total 91 00
Sent to Dr. J. W. Wood, for Foreign Missions 112 00
Balance in Treasure 22
For the Third Quarter ending Feb. 30th, 1917.

Ida V. Smith, Treasure.

Y. PARAGRAPH.

BY MISS VICTORIA RICHARDSON.

Dear Y. Secretaries:—

A few brief paragraphs in which I desire to make some requests, are presented with the Hope that you will give them your immediate attention.

I should like to have the full address of each one of you with the name of your district and Conference, so that when I send out my circular letters for your special benefit no one wi be omitted. There is no way for me to obtain them unless you yourselves send them.

Some are kind enough to send immediately after they are appointed and then as soon as they organize, and get in good working order, they send the name and address of their local secretaries from whom I often get communications in which they inclose money for literature. Please give this matter attention.

The constitution and "How to operate" should be in the hands of every missionary worker. An organization cannot be properly conducted without them.

Recent letters from Chicago and Pittsburg tell of splendid contributions for the foreign work; and, my dears, it is incumbent upon us to do all possible to alleviate the sufferings of our people that have been brought on because of the war.

The Supply department is another means through which we can give substantial aid to our brothers and sisters across the sea. Organize a circle within your society to look after this particular work. You can learn all particulars by addressing Mrs. J. W. Brown, No., 110 W. 139th Street New York City.

There are so many excellent devices by which you might raise funds for the benefit of the work.

The latest is by using the red hearts containing inscription— "Have a Heart for Home and Foreign Missions They are very attractive and sell for twenty-five cents per hundred.

Have a Tag Day, A Heart Party. Hearts given out to be sold and amount called for at a certain time. I have them in hand.

Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshabalala are in this country traveling and speaking in the interest of the foreign field. Pray that they may have success in their efforts to raise funds for

BUDS OF PROMISE.

the completion of a building for girls in Africa.

In this my closing paragraph I desire to thank you for any help which you have rendered in the building up of this work, and may God bless you in all that you may do for the uplift of humanity.

Salisbury, N. C.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

Lack of space— this we offer as an apology for the failure of certain articles that did not appear in this issue.
It will be a gem.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION IS POSTPONED ONE YEAR.

"For patriotic reasons the United Society have postponed the International Christian Endeavor Convention, which was to have been held in New York in July, for one year, provided the war is then over." The Secretary of the Varick C. E. Union had already arranged and sent in his part of the program containing speeches from Dr. P. A. Wallace, Dr. J. W. Brown, and Dr. E. D. W. Jones. At the denominational rally the V. C. E. Secretary was to preside and Dr. Julian C. Caldwell, of the A. M. E. Church, conduct the open parliament. Our part of the program will hold good when the convention comes off. The Presiding Eders and Local Workers Will Please Send Us A Notice Or Program of Your Christian Endeavor Conventions and Summer Meetings. In our regular visitations we hope to reach many of your meetings.

Aaron Brown, Sec'y V. C. E. Union,
Box 859, Pensacola, Fla.

Special Notice and Appeal.—Endowment Fund, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars Wanted for Superannuated Ministers, Widows and Orphans, A. M. E. Zion Church...

Perhaps the greatest demand facing the Church today is the demand for more adequate support for the worn out preachers and better protection for the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. At a recent meeting of the Board of Bishops at Salisbury, North Carolina held during the Commencement of Livingstone College, arrangements were made to launch a campaign for five hundred thousand dollars to endow the Benevolent Department which has charge of the worn out ministers and widows and orphans of our Connection. Dr. C. S. WLitted, Secretary and General Manager of this Department, submitted a well developed plan for the campaign. The plan was accepted and the Secretary authorized to appoint field agents to asist in its execution.

The aim of the department is to raise funds sufficiently large:

(A) To provide and endow a home for our worn out preachers and the widows and orphans of our deceased ministers; and

(B) To provide a pension for ministers who by reason of age or infirmity can not longer serve the Church.

While the provision of the last General Conference is a decided improvement on anything hitherto undertaken by the church in this direction, the income accruing therefrom is inadequate to meet its present demands, to say nothing about the execution of our plan for a comfortable home for our worn out preachers and widows and orphans in the South. We therefore take this method of appealing to the ministers and laity of our church and the public in general for hearty cooperation in the effort to meet the pressing demand of the hour.

General headquarters for this Department has been established at 420 South 11th Street Philadelphia, Pa., with one of the leading Trust Companies of the city as depository for funds. From this department special instruction regarding the campaign will be issued by the Secretary. If special information regarding the campaign is desired before the circulars are sent out through which the appeal is made, it may be had by applying to the Secretary at the above address.

MINISTERIAL BROTHERHOOD
AND RELIEF DEPARTMENT.
L. W. Kyles, Chairman,
C. S. Whitted, Secretary.

Blue Ridge, N. C., which is 13 miles east of Asheville, has been chosen as the city in which the Sixth Annual Session of the Southern Sociological Congress will be held July 30th to August 3rd. The Congress this year will be conducted as an open forum for the free discussion of some of the South's most vital problems such as the home, public health, social work in the church, the administration of law, industrial relations, temperance, traveler aid, race relations, and amusements. On account of the exceptionally low railroad rates and the ideal location for a mid-summer conference, an unusually large attendance is expected.

The headquarters of the Congress has been moved from Nashville to the McLachlen Building, Washington, D. C.

General Secretary, J. E. McCulloch, Washington, D. C.,

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Battle Hymn of the Republic

By Julia Ward Howe.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of
the coming of the Lord:
He is tramping out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath
are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful light-
ning of His terrible swift
sword;
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-
fires of a hundred circling
camps;
They have builded Him an altar
in the evening dews and
damps;
I can read His righteous sentence
by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel, writ
in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with my contemners,
so with you my grace shall
deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman,
crush the serpent with his
heel,
Since God is marching on."

He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men
before His judgment-seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer
Him be jubilant, my feet
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ
was born across the sea.
With a glory in His bosom that
transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let
die to make men free.
While God is marching on.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR FIELD NOTES.

Bishop Clinton of the New Jersey Conference, and Bishop Caldwell for the Philadelphia and Baltimore conferences have sent in good reports with a marked increase from both conferences. Brother Robert V. Payne of Rochester, N. Y., sends Twelve Dollars and Fifty ($12.50) Cents which includes $5.00 from his V. C. E. society to the Union. Brother Payne says in his letter "we are glad to get the song books you sent us and you will please send us two dozen more by the 17th instant. We have a live V. C. E. society." This society is one of the best equipped in the connection, having sent to us for a supply of most everything a local society could need. Dr. J. W. Brown used to pastor this society and Dr. E. D. W. Jones is there now. Enough said.

Along with their liberal remittances to the Union the following named have sent us encouraging letters and excellent reports:

Miss Lyda Lee, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. E. B. Watson, Greensboro, N. C., Miss Lillian Speight, Charotte, N. C., Rev. A. L. Higgs, Key West, Fla., Rev. L. H. Taylor, Newburgh, N. Y., Charlie Coleman, Suffolk, Va., Rev Monroe Smith, Stover, Miss., and Mr. Robert Tucker, Lambert, Miss. A complete list of all money sent in will be published on the 28th, allowing just a few more days for all to make remittance. The July-December Topics Are Now Ready.

Orders for Quarterlies should reach on or before the 20th day of the last month of the old quarter for delivery in time for the first Sunday in the new Quarter. The Young People's Quarterlies are Fine. Only 75c a dozen.

Aaron Brown, Sec'y V. C. E. Union,
Box 859, Pensacola, Fla.

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North Carolina.

Third District.

West Central N. C.
Western N. C.
Palmetto.

Fourth District.

South Georgia,
South Florida,
Alabama,
South East Alabama,
Central Alabama.

Fifth District.

South Alabama,
West Alabama,
Cahaba,
South Mississippi.

Sixth District

North Alabama,
West Tenn., & Mississippi,
Georgia,
Tennessee.

Seventh District.

North Louisana,
Arkansas,
Louisiana,
North Arkansas,
Texas,
Oklahoma,

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Ninth District.

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West Kentucky,
Ohio.

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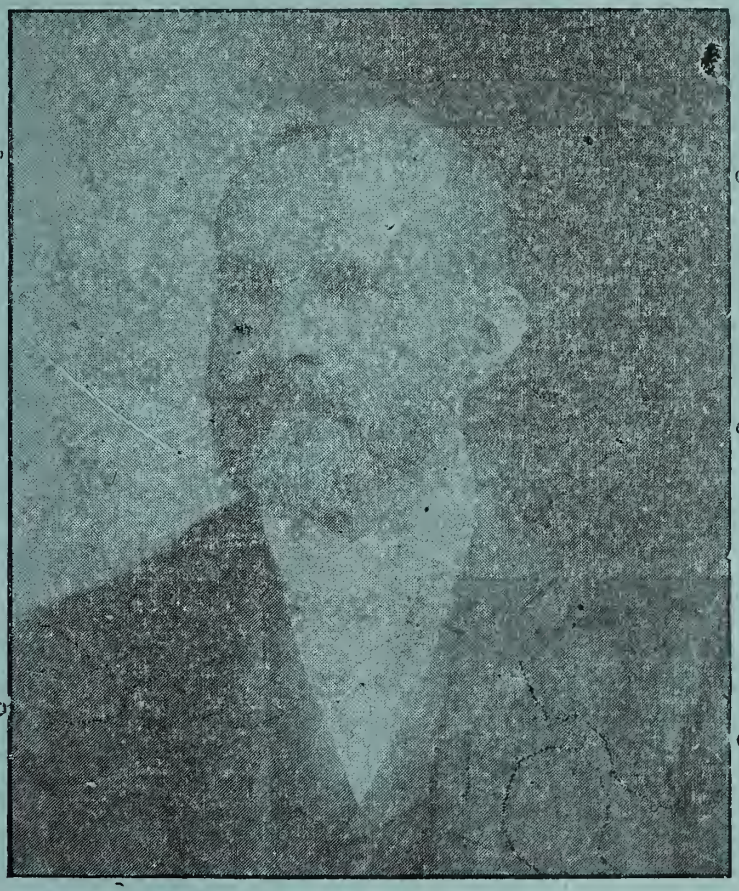

The late **Bishop Cicero R. Harris** of Salisbury, N. C., was born in Fayetteville, N. C., August 25th, 1844. Died June 1917. His early Educational career began Chillicotte, Ohio, Delaware and Cleveland, Ohio. He joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church, at Cleveland, Ohio in 1863. Transferred his membership to the A. M. E. Zion Church at Fayetteville, N. C., in 1867. Was licensed to preach 1872, and the same year he joined the North Carolina Conference. He was made Deacon and Elder the same year. He was elected Bishop at New Bern, N. C., May 22nd 1888. He was a teacher at Livingstone College for quite a number of years.

Bishop Harris was a very forceful and eloquent speaker and a splendid English scholar. The Degree of D. D., was conferred upon him by Howard University in 1891 and the Degree of A. M., by Livingstone College. Bishop Harris was among the most pious Christian gentlemen that the race has ever produced. He was a splendid example of pure manhood and wholesome virtues. The SEER extends sympathy to Sister Harris and daughter and other relatives and friends. He joins the mighty host.

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A GLIMPSE OF THE BRIGHT STARS.

$19,000 for Africa—Fourth Sunday in September.

It is with pleasure we note, that in the Great Heart of Africa the streams of modern progress are moving with increasing momentum.

Bishop L. W. Kyles and Madam are all smiles—"its a boy."

Rev. F. M. Gregory has just closed a very successful Rally. Amount raised $700.00. Good. He used our collecting devices.

Rev. T. M. McKenzie, D. D., is one of Zion's able men. He reports that the work in Texas, is in better shape now than ever before. Hurrah for our gallant force in Texas.

The Allegheny, Ohio, Kentucky, West Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan and Indiana Conferences will meet in Missouri Convocation Session at Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion Church, Thursday, Aug 2-5 1917. Motto, $10,000 for Africa.

The Negroes of Nashville, Tenn., raised $22,000.00 in a single effort to erect a colored Y. M. C. A. This amount was supplimented by the white people which brought the sum up to $122,000.00. The building when completed will be valued at $200,000.00.

The National Baptist Convention will hold its Annual Session at Atlanta, Go., Sept. 1, 1917.

The A. M. E. Zion Church is expected to raise $10,000 for Foreign Missions, by Dec. 1st 1917. All will help except the slacker.

One Big Service for Foreign Missions, on Missionary Day, Sunday, 2:30 p. m., Sept. 23rd. All money raised at this one service, send it direct to Rev. J. W. Wood, No. 1046 N. Traub Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. The Board of Foreign Missions is begging for $10,000. Will you do your best?

The New Jersey Conference presided over by Bishop Geo. W. Clinton, D. D., was one among the best in its history.

The Philadelphia and Baltimore and New York Conferences excelled all previous records, Bishop J. S. Caldwell is delighted with the personnel of these conferences.

The New England Conference excelled its previous records along all financial lines except in Foreign Missionary interest. It fell behind last years' report. Otherwise it was a most pleasant and profitable session. Bishop Lee is more than pleased with results. He said to us, "You should have been here, I do not think that I would be saying to much, if I should say that we had one of the best sessions in the history of the New England Conference."

The Missouri and Indiana Conferences have just closed. Both sessions were successful and full of enthusiasm. Bishop L. W. Kyles is a masterly man, and a masterly executive. He is scholarly, dignified and graceful. The people are loud in their praise of him. The Indiana Conference adjourned to meet in Terrr Haute, Ind., where we have no church, no not a member, but Bishop Kyles said we must have a fine first class church at Terre Haute by next June. Shall we have it? Yes said the men and in less than 10 minutes $700,00 was put up for the lot. The 7th Episcopal District will hold a Home Missionary Convocation Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion Church, October 17th 1917. Indianapolis, Ind. All of the churches in this District will contribute to the success of the meeting. Bishop Kyles is asking for $2,-000 to be used for the erection of an A. M. E. Zion Church at Terre Haute, Ind., and the money will be raised.

Bishop G. C. Clement, D. D., of the 10th Episcopal District, which includes The Gold Coast Colony, West Africa, visited the Inidiana Conference. He expressed himself as being more than pleased with the outlook and future prospect of our Zion in the middle west. Among other visitors were Bishop Coppins, D. D., of the A. M. E. Church, Dr. S. L. Williams of the A. M. E. Church, Dr. C. S. Whitted of the Brotherhood A. M. E. Zion Church. Dr. J. J. Smyer Secretary of Zions' League of Finance, Dr. W. J. Walls of Louisville, Ky., Dr. J. W. Martin of St. Louis, Mo., and Revs. S. D. Davis and the Connectional Evangelist F. D. Douglas.

Ten ($10,000) Thousand for Africa by Dec. 30th, 1917. Bishop Clem-

ent, D. D., and Bishop J. W. Alstork, D. D., both Foreign Bishops are exceedingly anxious that we raise the standard and financial emcency of our Foreign Missionary Department. The Lord in Heaven knows that we need the money. For our Missionaries are in great need of temporal relief. One Big Service on Missionary Day Will Do It. Don't Divide Your Collection But Give It All To Christ For The Advancement of His Kingdom.

The M. E. Church raised more than one half million Dollars last year for Foreign Missions, the M. E. Church, South, raised more than Two hundred Thousand, the Colored M. E. Church raised over Twelve Thousand. The A. M. E. Church raised over Fifty two Thousaud; The African M. E. Z. Church raised (?) We will tell you after the 4th Sunday in Sept. Please give one service and the collection to Africa.

We are expecting great things from the Church on the Fourth Sunday in September. Every man, yes every pastor under the faithful administration of the A. M. E. Zion Bishops Clinton, Alstork, Caldwell, Blackwell, Warner, Kyles, Bruce, Lee and Clement will do their full duty.

Rev. J. W. Carter of Tampa, Fla., is sweeping things before him as by storm. Carter is a great preacher.

Drs. W. J. Walls, H. T. Medford, Stoner, Hendricks, Selectman, Gough, Chambers, Warders, Merriweather and others of the Kentucky and West Kentucky Conferences are doing splendidly well. Bishop Clement is loud in praise of the good brethren in Kentucky.

Our own Bishop Geo. L. Blackwell is a most remarkable man. He has had phenominal success on his District since the adjournment of the latest General Conference. We have received more money from his District for Foreign Missions, than from any other District in the Connection. Every one of his men with only a few exceptions, has rallied to our Department far above their assessment. Bishop Blackwell is a master of men, and knows how to handle them. His recent Educational Rally for the Connectional Institutions in his District is a thorough test of his ability to do things. There is something singular about it His men never get tired of working to help him make his work a success. Every one of his men will contribute their share in helping us make our Missionary Day The Fourth Sunday in Sept. the greatest in the history of our Church Watch them do it.

To our good women of the Allegheny, Ohio, Ky., West Ky., Missouri, Michigan and Indiana Conferences, we appeal to you in God's name to do your best in helping us to make this Convocation which is to meet at Jones Tabernacle, A. M. E. Zion Church, Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 2nd, the most successful for this year. We want you to Rally around Sister Annie W. Blackwell, your Corresponding Secretary, who is doing all that any woman can do on earth for the success of the meeting. We hope that every Society will report from $5.00 to $25.00 each. We will wait and see what you will do.

Drs. W. W. Matthews, W. I. Rowan W. H. Howard, Clark, Byers and in fact all the brethren on the Pacific Coast are doing well. Bishop Kyles says he has a fine set of men in the west who are doing great things for our Zion.

Dr. A. J. Rodgers is now pastor of Old Ship, Montgomery, Ala., W. H. Hamblin, P. E., Mobile District, West Ala., Conference. Dr. J. S. Jackson raised $700.00 in his recent Rally Tuscaloosa. Bishop Alstork is the real Life of Alabama Bishop Alstork is to hold a Big Educational Rally, July 24th, $2,500 for Lomax-Hannon High and Industrial School. Let all Alabama do her best.

Rev. Wm. Lyons, D. D., of the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church, Little Rock, Ark., has returned to his home in Asheville, N. C., to spend his summer vacation. Mrs. Maggie Lyons and daughter Beatrice accompanied Dr. Lyons.

Mrs. Lelia G. Walton has organized the W. H. and F. M. Society at Morganton, N. C. She reports the Society as being in splendid condition. Let others follow.

Rev. M. V. Marable, D. D., has fallen asleep in Jesus. He was a great and good man, and would have graced the highest position in the gift of he church. He tried several times for the position of Financial Secretary ,but fate ruled against him, and the Suffrage of the men went to another. The SEER extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

Read Bro. Deane's letter. He is suffering for bread. The high cost of living and scarcity of food on the account of the War causes alarm among us. We are doing our best to provide for him, not only Bro. Deane, but Bro. Peters and Bro. Pinanko and all of our Missionaries as well. Oh, Brethren give us some money.

All of our largest churches should give from $150.00 to $200.00 on Missionary Day for Foreign Missions. Brethren you must admit that we do but little for Foreign Missions compared with other Evangelical Denominatious who are contributing to the uplift, enlightenment and Christian Civilization of Non-Christian people in other lands We are simply behind and its a shame before God and man We do so little for the cause. We claim a membership of 500,000 and we do not raise One Per Cent per Captia for Foreign Missions, we give less to Foreign Missions than any other Denomination in this country. We ought to give more. We are our Brothers' keeper and if we fail, God will hold the entire Church responsible for neglected duty. We are praying for God to touch the Heart of the A. M. E. Zion Church Ministry and its people throughout the Connection, that they may rally their forces in the interest of Foreign Missions as never before on the Fourth Sunday in Sept. Give us One Full Service and the Collection. Who will do it? Many will say no not one.

Will the Brethren of New England, New York, Conn., Mass., Pennsylvania Rhode Island, Main, New Hampshire, District of Columbia, Virginia, North and South Caro- Miss., Texas, Ark., Kansas, Missouri, lina, Fla., Ala., Go.. Tenn., La., Ill., Michigan, Iowa, Ind., Wis., Idaho, Oklahoma, Arizona, California, Oregon and Canada. Arrange for the biggest Missionary Service ever held in the history of Zion Methodism for the cause of Foreign Missions. Render your Program 2:30 if convenient. If not, set it for

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

another hour. Invite every Pastor and his congregation and other Societies to join you in this Great Meeting. "Make a hit for Jesus."

Insist upon a Free Will Offering. Let the people have a chance to give all money raised at this One Service. Send it to the Secretary of Foreign Missions.

Dr. A. A. Crooke, pastor of Rush Memorial Church, New York City, and Dr. J. W. Brown, pastor of our Mother Zion Church in New York are having phenominal success. Dr. P. A. Wallace of Fleet St., Brooklyn N. Y., seems not to let up. He is still pushing ahead. Dr. Hannum of Big Wesley, Philadelphia, Pa., and the Rev. Dr. Oliver of Varick, are masters on the job. Both are doing extremely well. Rev. Dr. Eason starts a new Zion in Philadephia. We can't have too many.

Dr. H. J. Callis of Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church and Drs. Moppins, Brown and our other strong and faithful pastors of Washington, D. C., are doing well. Zion is ably represented in this Capital City of the Nation.

Rev. Jas. P. Foote, A. B., pastor of our Church at Cincinnati, Ohio, is one of Zions' most progressive young men. He is doing a great work at Cincinnati. In his recent revival he was blessed with 107 converts and many reclaimed persons were added to the Church. The congregation is larger and flourishing. Dr. Foote is doing everything possible to secure a new location for the erection of a fine church, to cost not less than $40,000.00. He has a bright future before him. Very unassuming and quite a Christian gentleman.

Rev. W. D. Clinton, M. D., is one of Zion's most successful ministers as well as one of Pittsburg most successful physicians. The Automobile accident was not serious and the entire Church rejoices because of his immediate convalesence. Great is our Clinton.

Rev. Dr. P. H. Williams, the gallant fighter and exponent of all good things is truly a man of great parts. He knows no failure in his work and everywhere he goes the people love him and regard him as worthy of their confidence. He is a true friend to the SEER.

Dr. J. Harvey Anderson is not —only the venerable star, but he is the brilliant Star of Zion.

Rev. C. C. Alleyne, A. M., is the classical journalist of the race. The QUARTERLY REVIEW is the most brilliant magazine that comes to our table.

Among the men who have a great future in the Church are Drs. E. D. W. Jones, W. H. Hamblin, J. W. Brown, C. W. Brown, A. A. Crooke, P. A. Wallace, H. J. Callis,, G. M. Oliver, T. J. Moppins, E. L. Madison, W. D. Speight, J. P. Foote, W. J. Walls, W. A. Blackwell, S. D. Davis, W. W. Matthews, H. D. King, R. H. Riddick, J. W. Carter, Wm. Sutton, R. L. Simmons, J. F. Lee, B. W. Swain, T. A. Auten, C. S. Whitted, A. Hannum, J. H. McMullen, S. L. Corrothers, A. J. Rodgers, A. G. Alstork, B. G. Shaw, F. D. Douglas, S. M. Avant, A. P. Petti, F. M. Gregory, P. A. Washington, W. I. Rowan, W. H. Howard, G. W. Maize, E. M. Argyle, J. L. Black, E. P. Mayo, H. T. Medford, G. W. Gaines, W. D. Clinton, P. H. Williams and a host of other men who are brilliant stars in the constellation of Zion's most gallant fighters.

KIND WORDS.

90 Jeptha St.,
Atlanta, Ga., June 12, 1917.

Dr. J. W. Wood, D. D., Editor,
Missionary Seer,
1046 N. Traub Ave.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Dr. Wood, & Friend of Education:—

It gives me great pleasure to drop you these few lines to commend the great work you are doing with the SEER for our Home and Foreign Mission.

No man is better suited for the place than yourself and I feel assured with your great ability, love and zeal this department will very soon place itself in the lead of all others.

You have my prayers and best wishes for the expansion of the work.

B. J. Bridges.

Rev. J. P. Woods, Blackstone, Va. is desirous of corresponding with an evangelist, man or woman within a reasonable distance from his location. He proposes to conduct a ten or fifteen days revival in the near future and needs professional assistance which he will liberally remunerate, write Dr. Wood, Box 248, Blackstone, Va.

NOTICE.

The Building Committee of the Girls Dormitory are requested to meet at Salisbury July 17th and 18th. It is hoped that all the members of the Building Committee will make it convenient to be present in order that the affairs of the Dormitory may be adjusted in such a manner as to make full report to the Council sitting in Chicago, August 8th.

W. H. Goler.

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EDITORIALS.

Pain is no longer pain when it is past.

They who go feel not the pain of parting; it is they who stay behind that suffer.

Perhaps the time to have saved Africa, was when the light shone brightly there in the early History of the Church. When Christianity was clothed in her youthful might. The great army of Christian martyrs who have suffered and died for Africa and those who are suffering now have been paying the price of the indifference and negligence of the early church. The longer the Church delays, the greater the price to be paid.

The Foreign Missionary Spirit must become acute among the ministers of the A. M. E. Zion Church. The present changes and plastic conditions of the Nations of the world and the forces of the Orient which bend to make the progress of Christianity increasingly difficult, and the devious influence of injustice and inhumanity to the Millions of blacks not only in Africa, but in America combined to constitute an irresistible call to the A. M. E. Zion Church, to carry the Gospel to all Africa, while we have the opportunity. Such an undertaking will make an enormous demand upon the faith and resources of the church for the work is attended with difficulties which seem almost inseparable. The number to be reached embracing hundreds of Millions. This in itself shows that the task is one of Colossal proportions. As a denomination we are not responsible for what we can do. We have responsibilities that we cannot shift. To each of us is committed a charge, and every one of us as an individual must share in the worlds redemption, or answer to God the reason why. We are calling for $10,000.00 on the Fourth Sunday in September. We appeal to every pastor in the name of God and humanity, to give us one service for the cause of Christ. Arrange to hold this service at 2:30 P. M. Combine all of your Missionary Societies, Sunday Schools, V. C. E. and other auxiliaries of the Church for one great service for Africa. Invite the congregations and societies of other churches to join you. Put out envelopes and collecting devices, encourage the people to give. Render the program as we have suggested. Call in your devices, raise your collection, and send the full amount to the Secretary of Foreign Mission No. 1046 N. Traub Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Will you do it? No one can answer better than the pastor. If he is not interested, there will be nothing coming from the people, over whom he has charge. My Brother it is up to you. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to help us? The Lord is awaiting your answer. Yes or No.

The Glory of man is his moral and intellectual freedom. He choses for himself what he will do. If God should step into the affairs of man and make it possible for mankind to lust, or to feed his appetites and passions, or to strive with fellow men, or to make war, he would take from man all that makes possible the Glory of man. The capacity to do right involves also the capacity to do choose the ignoble. The right to make moral, and intellectual choices necessarily gives liberty to each one to chose the immoral and to refuse mental development. The right to live peaceably with all mankind. If God takes from man the right and the ability to choose for himself the manner of life, he shall live, he takes out of man the noblest right he possesses. What is virtue if one cannot yield to temptation? What is the meaning of loyalty to God, if one cannot be otherwise than loyal? What is the significance of an ideal or a task if one has more ability to reject the ideal and refuse the past. What meaning could you put into character if one has no personal initiative to be either good or bad? God cannot stop the war by taking directly away from man his ability to make war, without taking from man his highest endowment; all war will stop just as soon as God can write his impress upon human hearts sufficiently to control the life of the nations of the earth and not until then. By your personal effort you can help God to do that work. Will you do it. It is a great commission. Heed it today, and do your best in the final struggle for the imperialism of the cross of Jesus Christ.

Rev. P. A. Wallace, D. D., Closes Successful Year at Fleet St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. Dr. P. A. Wallace, pastor of the Fleet Street A. M. E. Zion church, in Brooklyn, and one of the most progressive churchmen of the race, has just ended one of the most brilliant records in the history of the church ,a record which has heretofore never been attained by his predecessors, and which places him among the most constructive church leaders in its history. In looking over his books last week to quote what he had done for the past year. Dr. Wallace discovered that he had been able to raise $12,000. and had attained a mark in the history of the church which has never been reached. The record of Dr. Wallace in this direction is noteworthy throughout Zionism, because of the fact that the church has been pas-

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tored by some of the leading men of the connection, and that it is one of the oldest and most historic in the church. Dr. Wallace came to the Fleet Street church, just one year ago, and immediately set about to get the membership in line for good, telling work. The first things that he did was to make negotiations for a church parsonage, which he succeeded in accomplishing. The parsonage, which adjoins the church, was purchased at a cost of $6,000, and contains over fourteen rooms. The house has been thoroughly renovated and is a credit to the connection. He has taken into the church during the past year 281 members, and has organized a Men's Brotherhood, the first time in the history of the chuch, with a membership of nearly 100 men. This organization is doing much to bring to the church splendid young men who are attracted by the vital subjects that are discussed at the weekly meetings. The Flect Strcet church, under Dr. Wallace, is fast becoming the leading Zion church in this section, and already it has become the center of the moral and intellectual uplift of the community The church is well organized and has over fourteen live, working auxiliaries, which are being well directed under the influence of the pastor. Dr. Wallace realized the force and power of a good, well trained church choir, and one of the things that he did shortly after his arrival was to re-organize the choir, which is one of the leading choirs of this section, and which adds much to the spiritual life of the church. The choir is under the direction of Prof. Lucien H. White, who has had large experience in choral direction. Under Prof. White the choir has attracted some of the best singers of the city. The annual church fairs of the church are has just closed, $1,000 was raised becoming vital forces in the life of the church and at the last fair, which from this source. Together with meeting the current expenses of the church the pastor has been able to pay $20,000 on the church indebtedness, and has been able to bring the church debt where it can be handled effectively by the church without any great burden. The succes that has come to this able churchman places him among the constructive church leaders of the country and gives him a new place in the life of his connection. He has been able to work himself not only into the hearts of his members, but the community as well, and is one of the positive forces for good in the uplift of the community. He is active in all movements for the good of the race and church and is an active member in both the Interdenominational Preachers' Meeting and the Ministerial Alliance of the A. M. E. Zion church, which is made up of ministers of the New York Conference. His record as pastor has been a noted one, and he is a man of fine education and erudition. It is safe in saying, judging from the information that reaches your correspondent, that Dr. Wallace will be elevated to the bishopric at the next general conference. He is the type of churchman that is reflecting well upon the church and race.—Freeman.

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MISSIONARY CONVOCATION

Held at Clinton Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Knoxville, Tenn., May 2-6, 1917.

By Mrs. Ida V. Smith.

We take pleasure in handing you the report of our Missionary Convocation held at Knoxville, Tenn., May 2-6, 1917.

By Districts and Annual Conference Districts the itemized report will appear in the next issue of the Seer.

Blue Ridge Conference.

Asheville District.

W. H. & F. M. Society,....$	36.35
Y. W. H. & F. M. S....	3.0
Buds,....	8.50
$	47.85

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W. H. & F. M. Society,..$	43.59
Y. W. H. & F. M. Society,..	4.30
Buds,.....	10.00
$	57.89
Total for the Blue Ridge Conference,... .....$	105.74

Tennessee Conference.

Knoxville District.

W. H. & F. M. Society,....$	70.08
Y. W. H. & F. M. S.....	20.00
Buds,....	24.25
$	114.33

Athens District.

W. H. & F. M. Society,....$	34.68
Y. W H. & F. M. S., ...	12.97
Buds,.....	10.06
$	57.71

Lafollette District.

From all Sources,.....$	11.80

Chattanooga District.

From all sources,.....$	58.45

East Tennessee Conference

Bristol District.

From all sources,.. .....$	59.97

Greenville District.

From all sources,.. ....$	33.50

SUMMARY.

Blue Ridge Conference,....$	103.74
Tenn., Conference,.....$	236.29
East Tenn. Conference,..	96.47
Total,.... .....$	438.50
Miscellaneous Collection..$	109.99
Receipt,.....	3.05
Grand Total,.....$	548.44
Disbursements,.. .....$	227.08
Cash Balance,..... .$	321.36

All of which we submit.

Washington, D. C.

ROSELAND DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

By Mrs. N. E. Curry.

Dear Dr. Wood,

Edior of The Missionary Seer:—

We are pleased to hand you a report of our Missionary meeting and District Convention. which was held at Big Zion Church, Roseland, La., June 7-8th, 1917. The meeting was the best that we have ever had in this section of the country.

The First Day's session was open as usual with devotion. Dr. R. M. Simmons read the Scripture Lessons, I Tim. 2, Rom. 1, 3. Organization.—Mrs. M. E. Esters, President; Mrs. Margiana E. Murray, Secretary; Mrs. Viney Seals, Post Office Messenger; Miss Julia Curry, Timist; Mrs. N. E. Curry, Reporter to the Seer and Star.

After which Mrs. A. B. McTier was elected Corresponding Secretary of the District and Mrs. H. Hill Assistant. The evening session was very splendid services conducted by the Presiding Elder Rev. J. G. Gaines and Rev. L. T. H. Naswell, Rev. A. F. Goslin, D. D., preached the Missionary sermon. Dr. Goslin preached a great sermon. Following the sermon a program of welcome was rendered. Address by Mrs. J. S. Gaines and Mrs. A. B. McTier. Responses by Miss Minnie Nolan. Collecion. Benediction by Rev. Goslin.

Second Day's Session.

Morning session devotional exercises after which the Roll was called and the minutes of the previous day's session was read and adopted. The reports from the various societies were called for. An introduction of strangers, among them were Mrs. I. B. Lewis and Father Solomon Johnson., after which Miss Alma Erwing spoke for the Y. C. E. Society. Mrs. F. Bennett responded; Miss Bessie Collier read a paper. Subject "Varick Christian Endeavor work." Mrs. K. J. Morris responded. Benediction by Rev. Nashwell.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises. Paper by Miss R. McCoy, response by Mrs. Brown and remarks by the Pastor. Dr. Simmons spoke to the paper. Another splendid paper was read by Mrs. V. Seals and Mrs. Wm. Callahan also.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening sermon was preached by Rev. L. T. H. Nashwell of New Orleans, La. He preached a great sermon. We were inspired to go forward with the work. Collected from all sources, $22.86. We hope that everybody will read the SEER. Each of us have pledged to get new subscribers.

Roseland, La.

SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE GEORGIA INDUSTRIAL AND ORPHAN SCHOOL.

BY MRS. R. L. HALL.

Dr. J. W. Wood, Editor MISSIONARY SEER,

Dear Kind Sir:—

I beg space in the columns of your most excellent and wide-read newspaper to speak of the seventeenth annual commencement of the Georgia Colored Industrial and Orphans School, located three miles south of Macon, which took place Friday, June 1st inst. in the chapel of the school.

Not in the history of the Institution have the teachers and students shown more systematic and practical demonstration of their work than they did on this occasion. Most seventy-five per cent of the students were orphan children; and one could tell no difference in the work of the orphans and the students who pay, all seeming to have had the same advantages, which is the outcome of the sacrifice being made by Rev. B. J. Bridges, president and founder of the school, his good wife, who is matron; and their daughter, who has charge of the school..

Too much praise cannot be given them for the great work they are doing for the education and uplift of the poorer class of the colored children in Georgia. They should be given encouragement by the good people throughout the state for the philanthropic work they are doing. The annual address of Rev. Bridges, the president, in which great stress on preparedness was put, was one of the strongest, most interesting and conservative speeches we have ever heard. He impressed each student that he should not go home to spend his vacation in having good times, but should appeal to his parents to give him some kind of work to do that he may be better prepared to enter school the next term.

After this most wonderful address was delivered, Rev. M. P. Moore, pastor of Warren Chapel M. E. Church of Macon made some very brief and timely remarks, followed by Dr. L. A. McWhirter, D. D., of Atlanta, and an ex-Gammonite, who paid a worthy tribute to the president, faculty and students for the practical, conservative and productive results brought on by the school. He said every man and woman of the race should be proud of this school where orphans are admitted and given the same treatment as other students, without pay; and that every one should make a sacrifice to help a school of this kind.

The grammar class this year was excellent, and the cooking and sewing classes were better than ever before. Every department of the school is making steady progress.

The summer school will open July 15th and close August 15th. Fall term begins October 1st. Mothers having to work away from home can send their children to this school to spend their vacation for a small fee.

Respectfully yours for the cause of Education,

Mrs. R. L. Hall, chairman Woman's Auxiliary Board,
Cor. Ellis & Rock Sts., So. Macon, Ga.

THE CHRISTIAN MISSION.

BY REV. S. M. AVANT, D. D.

To the Readers of the STAR:—

I shall tell you a very short story in brief of my conception of the Christians Mission. First of all—A Christian means to be Christ-like. Second—Missions means an entrusted task. Every Christian is a Missionary, and should be as busy as the Christ Himself, who came to the world on a mission to save sinners.

It matters not what nationallty you are, it matters not what station or posltion you hold in life, there is one thing we all must admit, if one should desire to be a Missionary he must be born again and have the call with its commission, to go as Christ said: "Into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" Every person should be a power unto himself especially in the community in which he lives, for the betterment of the people with whom he mingles.

There is something singular about God's people. The world expects them to walk uplightly and deal justly with all men, and to keep themselves unspotted from the world. Every man who professes Jesus Christ owes this much to himself, and to his God. I labor under the impression that the sweetest place in all the world is an ideal

Christian Home, where the spirit abides and where Christ is the comforter, and where in case of death He assumes the Role of the widows God, A Father to the fatherless and a very present help in time of need to all who trust in Him.

There is only one request that the Lord makes of us, and that is, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." We are living in the greatest age of the world and yet, after One thousand nine hundred and seventeen years of Evangelism, there are millions yet who do not believe in Christ, nor have they decided to accept His word as the living truth. Today there are millions in Africa pleading for the Christ and a Christian civilization. They know that there must be some other God aside from Wood and Stone. They are heathens 'tis true, but they have a faint idea that there must be a God somewhere who made the Heavens and the earth.

The A. M. E. Zion Church should be deeply concerned about the welfare of these people who do not know the name of Jesus. I wonder if we can find One Queen Esther in every community, A Dorcas in every home. I wonder if we can find an Abraham, or a saint Paul, who will rush to the rescue of these millions, who are dying in Africa without a Christ. Again we say heed the commission of our Christ for we are His Missionaries, therefore let's go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Memphis, Tenn.

WATCHING THE BREAKERS.

Things, Clipped, Commented Upon.

By Rev. W. H. Davenport, D. D.

"It is written in a magazine of much worth that a very successful preacher said: "I purposely avoid the announcement of plans extraordinary and grotesque. I believe we should put the emphasis upon the regular methods of church services and normal methods of church work. I suppose that for just once I might entertain a congregation by standing on my head in the pulpit, but I have not thought it best to try it." These views are opposed by many who think they are specially endured with piety and power, the denominations that are not in accord with the practice of this "very successful preacher" are generally behind in the culture of their communicants, lay and ministerial, and backward in moral and missionary activities.

Some words that are overworked: "great," "spellbound," "wonderful," "learned," "scholarly," "Rt. Rev." "live right," "clean living," they have lost their meaning. There are too many unlettered and unwashed people using them.

Speaking of Missionaries reminds us that students of New Testament Greek are consciously or unconsciously undermining the whole structure of ecclesiasic pretensions and presumptiveness. Some have grown arrogant in the assumption that they were the direct successors of the apostles; and even a good Bishop in the A. M E. Zion Church speaks of the ordination of Bishops as if they were a different order of beings. "But, muses the Homiletic Review, Apostle, a great word in the New Testament is its only untranslated word. It is a Greek word merely transacted and fitted with a new ending: "e,' for "os." Its real meaning thus hidden, a monstrous fiction has been substituted with enormous damage to the cause of Christ." In plain English apostle means missionary. "Jesus called His disciples and choose twelve of whom he named missionaries." At the last supper He sat down and the twelve missionaries with Him. And then we have the Acts of the missionaries instead of the Acts of the Apostles. Paul a missionary, Peter a missionary. Paul says ye are built upon the foundations of the missionaries and prophets, Jesus is called the High Priest and Missionary of our confession. The walls of the New Jerusalem are described as having on its foundation the names of the twelve missionaries of the Lamb What new magic, what new charm is added to the word. Away goes "Rt. Rev." and all the awkward claims and obnoxious traditions of moss grown ecclesiastics.

"How long ye simple ones will ye love simplicity and scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge."

There is much work for missionaries to do for every eighth person in the world lives in Africa, and Africa is far from being christianized.

Warren, Ark.

WEST ALABAMA NOTES.

Dear Editor Woods—The well edited Missionary Seer, the June number reached my office to-day, I am highly delighted with the Seer You are giving us a splendid missionary paper. The Seer is always full of fresh news from the field which highly commends itself to the reading public. You have developed into an ideal church editor. I am simply delighted with its excellent literary, mechanical make-up. You deserve great praise, you have stemed the flood-tide in your department, still I am not surprised for a man of your great ability, will get results. I have watched with keen interest your painstaking, energetic and indefatigable way of doing things you are the right man in the right place, I feel that your return to the ediorial chair for this quadrennium was simply providential, may heaven choiest blessings rest upon you. You will be delighted to learn that our church in this part of Alabama is in a progresive condition.

Dr. A. G. Alstork our cultured and progressive Presiding Elder is serving his 9th year on the Jefferson District wih unprecedented success, from the present outlook it is reasonable to predict. A record breaking ycar, for the Jefferson District, this District is composed of a loyal set of good Gospel preachers and successful systematic pastors, why shouldn't we succeed? Yet it is to be remembered that last year in July the storm and flood destroyed the crops; it was indeed sad to see our faithful members in this storm swept and flood stricken district. Began their farms, this year without one grain of corn or cotton seed and no promise of help from their landlords. But out of all the Lord has brought them by His love and in the face of these conditions they are still succeeding and the churches are in a prosperous conditions The writer lead the district last year in soul saving and raising claims by $40.00. He is still in the lead with pious Donald following hard on his heels, with singing Steele, preaching Tillman, polished Gaines, pastoring Jackson, building Springs, scholarly Swain, jubilee Speights, two hustling Williams W. L. and E. C. reaching for his crown. Oh well this promises to be a hot battle—I hope you will be at the old historic State Street in December and see these battle scarred heroes "fight it" the battle cry, "round report."

Pennington, Ala.

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A GLIMPSE OF THE BRIGHT STARS.

We think that it was Anne Simon who said, "In youth we dream that life is a straight line. Later we know it to be a circle in which the present presses on the future, the future on the past.

We need $10,000 for the Foreign Missionary Field. We plead with the Ministry and Layman of the A. M. E. Zion Church to give it to us, the Fourth Sunday in September. One big service. The rendition of a Missionary program at 2:30 p. m. on Missionary Day will bring the results if the Pastors and Trustees of the church will send to the Foreign Missionary Department the amount collected at that service. God bless you Brethren, we hope that you will do it.

My Dear Dr. Wood: I am handing you my assessment. We are up and at it for Foreign Missions. Look for us to pull strong on Missionary Day. W. H. Howard.

Dr. S. L. Ingram says, "We shall surprise you on Foreign Missionary Day. The entire church will rally this time as never before because occasion demands the sacrifice upon the part of every member of the A. M. E. Zion Church in the interest of our sick and starving Missionaries on the Foreign Field. We shall do our best, on Missionary Day and give you the proceeds of "One Big Service."

Dr. S. P. Cooke says, —"Wood after reading your most excellent report in the Missionary Seer, which I regard as the best you have made. I am now convinced as never before that we have made no mistake in electing you Foreign Missionary Secretary of our church. I hope and pray to God that every pastor in the A. M. E. Zion Church will give you one Big service and its collection for our suffering work in the Foreign Field. You have my prayers."

The Seer is full of optimism, with happy anticipations of glorious results and big returns from our Missionary Day Collections. We believe that every Pastor with his congregation will do everything in his power to make the Day a success, and to roll up a good collection, as a contribution for our Missionaries and the Foreign work of our church. We are depending upon the Brethren throughout the connection from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Lakes to the Gulf to stand by the Department and contribute to the success of the collection the 4th Sunday in September as never before in the History of our Zion Methodism.

The boys in Alabama, and the far West and the middle West will fall in line for a great Missionary Rally for the 4th Sunday in September. We are sure that our Ministers in the New England States, Eastern, Southern and South Western states will do their best to make the Missionary Anniversary one of great importance in each of their charges for the benefit of the unfortunate people of our race in Foreign lands.

Dr. A. A. Crook, of New York writes, "Wood, I am anxious for you to succeed. I hope that the men throughout the connection will answer your pathetic appeal by giving you one big service on Missionary day and the entire collection for your Department. We cannot take care and provide for our Missionaries without money. If Zion church wants her Secretary to succeed and keep up the Foreign work, they must put the money in his hands. Every Pastor in Zion church can give one service. It is our duty to do it, and no man will refuse except the slacker.

Dr. E. D. W. Jones, the brilliant and efficient Pastor of Rochester N. Y. says: "Missionary Day is upon us, and every Pastor should observe the anniversary unstintedly. The Foreign Missionary Secretary is calling for $10,000, for the foreign work, and we as a church should give it to him. He is in a position to know the conditions, and doubtless he speaks with authority, when he asks you to give $10,000.00 for the work. Let us all rise up as one man, and observe Missionary Day, hold one big service in the interest of Foreign Missions, and send every cent of it to our Foreign Missionary Department.

Dr. E. L. Madison of Wilmington, N. C., says: "I am delighted to know that our Missionary Department is growing into larger proportion. We hope for you every success on Missionary Day. I am sure that all of the Brethren of N. C., will rally around the old flag on the 4th Sunday in September. We

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

believe that every man in N. C. will do his full duty by you on that day.

Dr. M. C. Glover of Alabama says "You may look for us to rally our forces throughout all Alabama, and especially the Third Episcopal District on the Fourth Sunday in September. We do but little for Foreign Missions, compared with other Methodist Churches. Brethren of Alabama, let us all stand by Dr. Wood in his effort to provide for our starving Missionaries in the Foreign Field. Let every man do his best on the fourth Sunday in September. Hold one Big service. Send the entire collection to the Foreign Missionary Department.

We are expecting good reports from all Tennessee, all Alabama, all Mississippi, all Louisiana, all Texas, all Arkansas, all Oklahoma, all California and the far west, all Missouri, all Michigan, all Indiana, all Kentucky, all Ohio, all Pennsplvania, all New York, all New Jersey, all Massachusetts, all Rhode Island, all Virginia, all West Virginia, all Georgia, all Florida, all South Carolina, all North Carolina and the District of Columbia. Let all Zion rally as all Zion can do. May God bless the brethren everywhere.

Dr. P. H. Williams, Presiding Elder, Allegheny Conference and Dr. W. D. Clinton are among the strongest men of our church. They are regarded as among the foremost men of their Conference. The A. M. E. Zion church and the race are proud of them, because of their worth in the struggle for the betterment of mankind.

Read, Read, Read, these words of distress coming from Rev. R. E. Peters, our Missionary at Quittah, West Gold Coast Africa. "My Dear wife, I am very sick with the African fever. I am down on my back. I need medicine and bread. O that God may help you to help me, that I may recover strength to go forth in this service of the Master of our Zion. Tell all the brethren to help the Foreign Mission work. $1,000.00 is needed today. The cruelty of war with all its horrors are upon us. Tell the church to rally and rally once more. Rally for the salvation of their brothers in black. On this side we are hungry. Come to our relief.—Peters.

The appointment of Rev. S. D. Davis, D. D., to the Pastoral charge of Jones Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Ind, has proven to be of a very wise choice upon the part of Bishop Kyles. Rev. Davis started off splendidly well. The future looks bright for great success. Rev. F. D. Douglas, Pastor of Caldwell Chapel, is sweeping West Indianapolis, as by storm. His collection since his appointment in June to this place has been. from $25.00 to $77.00 weekly. He has added more than 50 members to the church within the last few weeks. Rev. Bro. Snowden, who was appointed to Penicks Chapel and Rev. Bro. Christian who was appointed to St. Marks have done very nicely so far, both of them are out of the city at present on vacation. We hope for these brethren great success. Rev. A. Avritt has charge of the Guenco Missions. Rev. Martin has charge of Campbell's Chapel. Both of these Brethren are getting along well. Rev. J. F. Williams, Presiding Elder, has started off nicely with every indication of success. May the Lord bless these good Brethren.

Rev. James P. Foote of Cincinnati, Ohio is working like a Master Trojan, to build for Zion, a fine church in Cincinnati. Dr. Foote is a splendid man and is calculating to give the Church great service. He is every inch a man, and a Christian gentleman. The Seer has the very highest regards for him and his family.

Dr. Medford of Jacob St. A. M. E. Zion Church, Louisville, Ky., has just closed a very successful rally and paid the church out of debt, with a nice cash balance on hand. Jacob St. Church, so we are informed is in better condition today than it has been for years. This is no reflection upon preceding Pastors. It is just one of those things that must happen in the onward march of progress. Every Pastor ought to be able to do more than his predecessor. The old Fifteenth St. Church had its day. She has had her successful ministers, but out of that church with all of her fortunes and misfortunes has come the Broadway Temple of which Dr. W. J. Walls is Pastor. The men that have preceded him made it possible for him to give Zion the most fashionable and modern church building among colored people in the city of Louisville. Great is Medford, Walls, Stoner, Gough, Warders, Merriwethers, Selectman, Colbert and the noble man of the Kentucky Conferences.

We are proud to note the success of Dr. W. H. Davenport of Warren Ark. He is doing a splendid work not only as Pastor, but as Dean of the Bible School of Walter's Institute in that City. He is highly respected. We are glad to note that he is able to stand up in the defense of Zion Methodism in assisting Prof. Jas. W. Eichelberger in the work of Education among the youths of our race. We have many strong men in Arkansas who are doing a great work for Zion.

The Boys in the Missouri Conference as well as in the Michigan

Conference, are getting along in fine shape. Dr. B. G. Shaw and Alstork of St. Louis, Mo., and the other Pastors there are having splendid success in their work. We are expecting great things from them for the cause of Foreign Missions. Dr. W. A. Blackwell of Chicago and Rev. L. P. Powell, both of the Michigan Conference have had phenomenal success in their several charges. The Lord has poured out his blessings upon them, and blessed them with large congregations, good collections, and many additions to the church. Zion stands in the limelight in the city of Chicago. The Lord be praised for the success of our Brethren in every section of the church. Brethren don't forget Missionary day.

HOME MISSIONARY CONVOCATION.

Held at Summerville, Ga.

By Miss Hastie A. Robinson.

Georgia is proud of Bishop R. B. Bruce, D. D., Our Home Missionary Convocation held at Sumerville, Ga., was a great success. The people entertained us royally. Plenty of homes, plenty to eat and a liberal contribution to the cause of Home Missions. Their kind hospitality made us all feel at home.

We had splendid sessions each each day, the people are wild over Bishop Bruce, and his most charming wife. She is a bright Star for the ladies of our Conference. Zion is not as strong in Georgia as in other States. However small we are not ashamed of our church, because we know that we are marching onward with a membership of over six hundred thousand strong. Rev. R. H. Orr, pastor of the Presbyterian church (white) addressed the Convocational Meeting. He had many good things to say to us. We enjoyed his message. Miss Alice Weathers of the Baptist Church (white) spoke with enthusiasm to the members of the Convention. We were proud of her address. Sunday was a high day in Zion. Bishop Bruce preached at 11 o'clock A. M. It was a great sermon. The entire day was glorious. Everybody was happy. Collection $165.86.

We shall now go to work for Foreign Missions. Each Pastor will send up a big collection on Monday after the fourth Sunday in September. The Missionary Women and every Society in the Church will rally with the Pastor and Congregation for a big collection for Foreign Missions, the 4th Sunday in September. You may expect to hear from every Pastor in Georgia. We will do our part for Africa and our Missionaries there.

GROUND BREAKING FOR A NEW CHURCH.

AND A ROYAL RECEPTION TO BISHOP ALSTORK AND WIFE

By Miss Charlotte Williams.

A Royal Reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Barnes No. 1201 N. 44th St. East Birmingham, Ala., in honor of Bishop J. W. Alstork and his good wife. Among the many distinguished visitors were Dr. J. W. Wood, our Foreign Missionary Secretary of Indianapolis, Ind., Rev. T. J. Moppins, D. D., and wife, Presiding Elder, J. F. Fitzpatrick, D. D., and Rev. Stevenson. Also Rev. Benson. Among the ladies were Mrs. Daisy Johnson, Mrs. Pinky Martin and many others. The good Bishop asd wife were met at the car station, 44th St., by a host of Buds with music and songs. Leading in the march, this host of children strew flowers in the pathway upon which the Bishop and good wife walked, followed by others. It was a charming day, and one among the most pleasant experiences in my life. After a march of several squares, we reached the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes for luncheon.

After refreshments we lined up for another march to hold an important service for the groundbreaking for the erection of tne new St. Luke A. M. E. Zion church. At the grounds, devotional exercises were conducted. Prayer by Dr. Moppins. Select singing by the St. Luke choir. Scripture lesson by Dr. Stevenson. Opening address by Mrs. S. J. Jackson. Welcome address by Miss Bessie Sheppard. The speaker for the hour was Bishop J. W. Alstork, D. D. Remarks by Mrs. J. W. Alstork, and Dr. J. W. Wood. Rev. R. G. McKinley of East Birmingham, Baptist Church spoke for the Baptist people of the community.

The ground breaking was lead by Bishop J. W. Alstork, followed by the Ministers present, members and friends of the church. A splendid collection was taken. Bishop Alstork laid down the first $2.00. At 7:30 p. m. Dr. J. W. Wood our Missionary, Secretary preached a most excellent sermon at St. Luke's church. Everybody was happy. Little Willie Lee Moseley, aged 5 years, sang a beautiful solo. The occasion was brilliant and everybody was happy and cheerful.

E. Birmingham, Ala.

THE BURDEN.

"O God," I cried, "Why cannot I
forget;
These hurt and halt in life's hard
battle throng me yet
Am I their keeper? Only I to bear
This constant burden of their grief
and care?
Would God mine eyes had sightless
been
The thorn-crowned Patient One replies:
"They thronged me too; I too, have
seen."

II.

"Thy other children go at will," I
said, protesting still
They go unheeding, but these sick
and sad,
Yea, these that sin, press at my
heart;
For them I serve and groan.
Why is it Lord? Let me have
rest, for I have tried,"
He turned and looked at me: "But
I have died."

III.

"Yet, Lord, this ceaseless travail of
my soul,
This often fruitless toil their souls
to win,
They are not mine; I brought not
forth this host
Of needy creatures, struggling, tempest-tossed;
They are not mine,
He turned and looked at them,
the look of One Divine.
"But they are mine."

IV.

"O God," I cried, "I understand at
last;
Henceforth I will a bond-slave be
To thy least, weakest, vilest ones;
I would no more go free."
He smiled and said, "It is for me."

Revs. C. Jones, G. M. Warthern, and B. N. Henningham are Master workmen in the Georgia Conference. Bishop Bruce is proud of the men of this Conference.

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Nothing that concerns humanity, nothing that concerns the essential rights of mankind, can be Foreign or indifferent to us.

Whichever way the wind doth blow,
Some heart is glad to have it so;
Then blow it East, or blow it West,
That wind that blows, that wind is best.

Who is to make up the record of
the conquered in life's battles,
Who to commemorate the struggle
of the weak against the stroug,
Who to range himself on the side
of the honest failure and
Against blatant and brutal success?

The test of every religious, political or Educational system is the man it forms. If the system injures the intelligence it is bad. If it injures the character or impairs free will it is vicious. If it injures the conscience it is criminal.

Oh, what is man that deems himself divine?
Man is a flagon and his soul the wine;
Man is a reed, his soul the sound therein;
Man is a lantern, and his soul the shine.

Brethren nothing is accomplished without vision. Those through whom the spirit of God has its most efficient work, are the Seers, those who see the vision of God and human opportunity. The man who fails to contribute his best for the sake of humanity and the cross of Jesus Christ, hasn't the vision. O, that God would give our pastors the real vision of larger responsibilities in the world's evangelization.

The man of vision is capable of leadership, a Pastor without vision is a "successful failure." Any Pastor, anywhere regardless of his Station, or denomination, who will not do more than he is forced to do, is without vision, and should never hope to rise very high in the estimation of his Church and race. Bro. Pastor, it is up to you to make our Foreign Missionary Day a success or a failure.

Our appeal to you is one of mercy. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. Brethren we are now living in an age of Conquest, and to succeed and make headway, we must be able to see someone else beside ourselves. We must see others. Have you thought of this Scriptural injunction. "Your young men shall see visions," and the spirit of teaching shall be given to your sons and daughters. Are you among the young men of vision? If you are, you will rally to every interest of your Church and race. If you have vision you are large enough to give one big service and the entire collection to Foreign Missions. If you are assesed five or ten dollars for Foreign Missions, make it all you can, if it is a hundred dollars more, it is all the better, for we reap in the proportion to our sowing. The man of vision is on the alert to excell and he will do it.

Dear Brethren:-

Before we go to Press again, our Foreign Missionary Anniversary will have come and gone. Sept 23rd is Missionary Day, and we hope that every Pastor in the A. M. E. Zion Church will do his duty by himself, his church and his God. The success of the coming Missionary Anniversary depends solely upon the Pastor, for it is the Pastor's opportunity to show to his church whether or not he is in harmony with the efforts of his church to support the cause of Foreign Missions, and provide for our starving Missionaries in Africa and South America. You cannot afford to be a "Slacker" in the face of an honest effort upon the part of the whole church to bless humanity. Any Pastor who is a lover of humanity and is big enough, will give one service to God and humanity. Africa my friends is calling to you for aid. Our Missionaries are hungry. They are begging for bread and medicine. Will you help us send relief. You cannot go, you do not care to go. Then let us send in God's name. let each of us do our little bit. Use program Missionary Seer Supplement.

THIS IS THE PLAN.

Dear Pastor:- Do this and you will have great success. Combine the W. H. and F. M. Society, Y's. Buds, V. C. E. Society, and Sunday school together for one big service for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23rd, 1917. See. Invite the Pastors of other churches near you to be present with their congregation and other societies. Have Representatives from other churches and societies to be on your program. Use the program as indicated in the Missionary Seer Supplement. After this service is rendered, then call for your collection for Foreign Missions. Have your solicitors to report their ollection from envelopes, and other collections made for Foreign Missions. Send the estire collection to the Secretary of Foreign Missions No. 1046 N. Traub Ave. Indianapolis, Ind. Will you do it? Many will answer yes, and many will answer no, but we are glad to know that God has a man somewhere who will answer to an appeal of mercy. Will it be you?

The Missionary Convocation held at Indianapolis, Ind. Aug 2-6, was the biggest of them all. Among the ladies who were present were Rev. Mrs. Florence Randolph, Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, Mrs. Marie L. Clinton, Miss Victoria Richardson, Mrs.

BUDS OF PROMISE.

G. C. Clement, Mrs. R. B. Bruce, Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Mrs R. E. Peters, Miss C. C. Tshabalala, Mrs. M. E. Washington, Mrs. Eason, Mrs. Lena Harris, Mrs. Bledsoe, Mrs. Lizzie Pierce, Mrs. Brokie, Miss Frankie Wallace, Mrs. Ada Harris, Mrs. J. W. Brown, and many other ladies of prominence. The Convocation was graced with the presence of Bishop L. W. Kyles, and Bishop G. C. Clement, and other distinguished men of the race. It was a great meeting. $925.00 was raised for Foreign Missions.

Certificates of Life Membership were issued to fourteen, making a total of $280.00 for the reserve fund leaving a balance of $645.00 for the department. The Seer takes pleasure in commending the services of Mrs. Annie W. Blackwell, Mrs. Marie L. Clinton, Miss Victoria Richardson, Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Alstork, for the special interest that they had in the Convocations just closed. They are not alone in this service, for they have been largely supported by the good women of our church everywhere. We pray God's blessings upon all.

Bishop Geo. W. Clinton, D. D., our active Senior Bishop was much in demand during June, July and August to fill speaking engagements at important meetings. He was invited to deliver addresses before the Interdenominational Sunday School Convention of North Carolina, which met at Henderson, the Laymens' Missionary Convention at Winston-Salem, The Southern Sociological Congress at Asheville and the Educational Forward Movement Convention of the M. E. Church which met at Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 8-12. The Bishop spoke on the mobilization of men for Christian service at Winston-Salem and had as his subject, "What can the church do to promote good-will between the Races?" When he spoke at the Central M. E. Church, South in Asheville, in the presence of a large audience of leading colored and white people. The addresses by Bishop Clinton and Dr. C. V. Roman are said to have made a deep impression upon all who heard them, also the address of Dr. H. H. Proctor of Atlanta, Ga.

RALLY FOR MISSIONS.

By Bishop Geo. W. Clinton, D. D.

Brethren of the Second Episcopal District, remember that the Fourth Sunday in September is the day fixed by the General Conference for the raising of money for our Foreign Mission cause. There is no cause that is in greater need of help, no cause that has a greater claim upon us, no cause that should receive heartier and more liberal support than that of Foreign Missions. On your certificates of appointment is a minimum assessment. See to it, brethren, that you raise nothing less than the amount on your certificate and as much more as possible, also at least One Dollar for each of your Sunday Schools. Preach a Missionary sermon or give a special address on Missions before your whole congregation at one service, and make a special appeal for Africa and call on the membership and congregation to make a rally for Foreign Missions. Have a short Missionary Program in the Sunday School, and tell the Children what they can do toward sending the Gospel and the Bible to the children who are calling for light and salvation.

The fact that the war has done so much to hinder the progress and success of Missions, and the high cost of everything needed for the comfort and support of the Missionaries, make it necessary that we enlarge. May I say, double our contributions for Missions if we want our Foreign work to have the desired and necessary success. Let every man do his best on the Fourth Sunday, and send the amount to Dr. J. W. Wood, No. 1046 N. Traub Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

NOTICE.

Our Missionary Programs are now ready. Send for them. You will be more than pleased with them. Send for envelopes for your Missionary rally. Programs 5 cents each. Envelopes, twenty-five for 25 cents. Fifty for 40 cents, one hundred for 75 cents.

THE SEER COMMENDED.

By Dr. Jas. P. Foote.

My Dear Dr. Wood:-

I have laerned with pleasure of your success with your Convocations. Though I am not surprised at you for I have been thoroughly convinced that you have vision, and that time will reveal to the world some things which have been for a long time smoltering in your breast

I am getting on finely, had one hundred and seven converts and reclaimed several persons in my meeting. I trust that you may have unprecedented success in your Convocation, which is to be held in Indianapolis.

It seems that even now, three years before the General Conference, your stock is going up. It seems that you have many friends throughout the entire connection, who have decided to stand by you at the next General Conference, because of your fitness and preparedness for the office of a Bishop in the church of God.

I am yours very friendly.

Cincinnati, Ohio. G

NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

THT CHALLENGE OF THE WAR TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A Message to Mission Boards.

The church at home and abroad is confronted by a challenge and an opportunity never exceeded. Some are counselling hesitation and even the curtailment of effort and offerings, upon the plea that the state should now command all the resources of men and of money.

Representing the mission organizations and forces of North America, the Committee of Reference and Counsel, through its officers, hereby appeals to the Christian missionary organizations and constituencies of America as well as to every individual disciple of Jesus Christ.

We recognize that the spirit of patriotism, calling for supreme sacrifice in the interest of righteousness and of country, must not be discouraged and that the cry of distressed humanity cannot be ignored. While some Missionary Boards are not contemplating special and untried undertakings or planning the erection of buildings not immediately necessary, we cannot escape from the conviction that this period of war, with all its exacting demands may be the supreme hour for undertaking new and daring enterprises for Christ and the church.

We would call attention anew to the significant fact that the large missionary enterprises had their origin in times of the greatest national and international upheavals. The missionary societies of Great Britain were launched while Europe was rent asunder by the Napoleonic Wars and the first missionaries sent abroad from the United States began their work during the War of 1812. At the time of the American Civil War new foreign missionary organizations sprang into being and the old Boards experienced signal expansion. In the history of the church, widespread disorder and physical suffering and need have incited to greater devotion and sacrifice.

We are also face to face with the startling fact that the work of more than 2,000 Teuton missionaries has become disrupted and is in danger of dissolution whereby some 700,000 followers of Christ in Pagan lands may be left as sheep without a shepherd. This throws an immediate and enormous responsibility upon the Christians of England and North America to conserve the devotion and sacrifice which German missionaries have given to building up Christian communities and institutions. England is heroically assuming a large share of the burden; we of America must not hold back.

The Asiatic and African races are undergoing sweeping transformations in their thinking their relations to the nations of the West, and in their religious conceptions. They have been fighting the white man's war shoulder to shoulder with Europeans and upon a plane of quality. Dependent peoples who are now sharing in this conflict, cannot return to former positions of contented subjection.

China and Japan have held the balance of power in Eastern Asia constituting a new and significant relation to the Western nations. Already the Far East is seething with a new national and international life for which she is seeking a substantial religious foundation.

These conditions demand, while the situation is plastic, the concentration of the unifying forces of Christendom. Today the great majority of these people are more accessible, and even more eager for Christian instruction, than they have ever been before in all the history of modern missions. These conditions cannot be expected indefinitely to continue.

The foreign missionaries, with their prestige, their institutions already established, and with their message of comfort, hope and regeneration, hold a position unique in history and pregnant with assurances of universal international good order and brotherhood and permanent peace for the world. Foreign missionaries can now render a genuine patriotic and national service, both to the country from which they come and the country in which they serve. Thoughtful people have come to realize, what men eminent in statecraft are beginning to affirm, that foreign missions have been an effective force for breaking down barriers between East and West. It is clear that foreign missionaries are true soldiers of the better order which is to bind the world together after the war. They are quite as important to America as her army or her navy. By serving the world most effectively they also greatly serve the state.

We therefore call upon all who love their country, who long and pray for universal brotherhood and for an abiding peace among nations, who hope to see the principles taught by Jesus Christ become the principles underlying all human society and ruling the national life of the world, to regard no effort too exhausting and no sacrifice too great for the fullest vitalization of all missionary agencies and for the completest possible mobilization of the forces of the Christian church for the redemption of the world.

To this end we implore sincere prayer and united intercession coupled with unstinted sacrificial giving

On behalf of the Committee of Reference and Council.

JAMES L. BARTON.
Chairman.

JAS. T. CALDWELL,
Vice-Chairman.
GEO. HERBERT JONES,
Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas it has pleased God in His all-wise and over-ruling Providence to remove from labour to reward the Right Reverend Alexander Walters, A. M., D. D., the Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and Bishop of the African Missions, and

Whereas, the West Gold Coast Conference of which Cape Coast is the headquarters was organized by our Presiding Elder under his instructions, and under his skilful Episcopal supervison for 12 years the work has grown by leaps and bounds,

Be it resolved that we the Officers and members of the Cape Coast A. M. E. Zion Church on behalf of ourselves, the Presiding Elder, Ministers and 35 Churches of the West Gold Coast Conference, place on record an expression of our heartfelt sorrow for the irreparable loss the General church and the African Missions in particular have sustained, while bowing our heads in humble submission to the divine will in the sad demise of this distinguished prelate, believing that God buries His workmen but carries on His work.

2. That our condolence be conveyed to the bereaved family of the departed Bishop praying that God may in His loving mercy look down upon the relict Mrs. Lelia Walters and child, comfort and sustain them in this sad bereavement and affliction.

3. That we further place an expression of our deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the lasting good impression the late Bishop's visit to our shores in March, 1910 made on the Missions and the impetus given to the work, and his able representation in the United States in the interest of the Foreign work.

4. We further resolve that copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Lelia Walters, the Secretary of Foreign Missions and the General Secretary of the Church for the Eleven surviving Bishops representing the great Connection.

A. M. E. Zion Parsonage.
Cape Coast, West Africa
April 1st, 1917.

AFRICA IN NEED, APPEALS FOR HELP.

HEAR HEED! HELP!

A letter received this morning from Mrs. Henrietta Peters, brought tears to our eyes and an anguished prayer to our heart, that God should raise up extra helpers for the cause NOW.

The African fever has left Rev. Peters in a low state of health with a continual drain on his system of an aggravating nature. Lack of proper food and medicine, with no means to obtain either, adds to the misery of his deporable condition. He must have help and that right speedily.

Not only is Belgium, and all the eastern world suffering, but the men of Africa are in this war, and their wives and children are suffering untold hardships as a result, because Africa is divided up among all the nations and is being ground to powder between the millstones of the ambitions and hatred of the warring nations. Men and women of America, you who love God and humanity, will you find a way to help this little woman to send relief to her loved ones.

If you can't go, Give, is the slogan of the Red Cross, and that means you, in this instance. The Red Cross asked for millions and got it, Mr. Peters is asking only for immediate relief in a small pittance of one thousand dollars. Will you raise it? God help you to do it and more.

This is what she says: "After many months of anxious waiting, I have at last heard from my husband in Africa. The distress he is in, applies to all of our work there. The necessity is extreme. The immediate relief for our African Allies is imperative, and this appeal is sent to every one to help us meet the present need.

On account of the war, the Government Grant was cut off from the school without notice or warning. If our Mission Board in America could have been notified of this, provisions could have been made to meet the demand and tide over the present extremity.

We are asking for one thousand dollars by the 8th of August. We are urging every church, club and organization to make a liberal donation to this extra War Relief Fund. How much will you give?

Whatever you may feel to give after reading this appeal, please send it to Mrs. Ida W. Smith, 1309 R. St., N. W., Washington, D. C and it will be acknowledged, and received with thankfulness.

If Africa's fertile and rich lands were cultivated with necessary food stuffs, she could feed the world. So we cannot afford to lose the school children who are learning how to do these things, and they must be helped now. Will you help us to show those Christians in Africa what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

My husband is very ill, but on account of lack of teachers, sticks to his post, the only foreign Negro ir the whole East Coast, no doctors there for two years and no nurses. Cannot we send money, drugs and food.

Amid discouragements and disappointments, my husband struggles on, your representative there. Pray for him, that God may heal him, strengthen him; body and soul, give him courage to face the problems that confront him; and friends to help him meet each new crisis that arises. We plead for all those on the firing line for Christ in that far off land. Write your check now.

How can ye rest and hear it,
Ye Christian Yeoman brave.
It is the call of black men
Which comes across the wave.

Your kith and kin are pleading
As other races are,
With bleeding wounds agaping.
Caused by the cruel war.

Brave Missionary pining,
Are waiting day by day
For Red Heart, War Relief Fund
Will you help them, as you pray?

WALTER'S V. C. E. SOCIETY.

Hague W. C. Demerara,
South America.

Rev. W. A. Deane,
P. E. and Agent.
Hague, W. C., Dem.

Dear P. E. and Pastor, Members and friends:-

Our Christian Endeavor Society was re-started by our pastor during the quarter. Meetings were regularly held. The attendance was fair.

We have on roll, boys 7, girls 6, total 13, Amount raised, nil.

I am yours,
G. Deane, Secy .

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

COLUMN FOR THE CHILDREN.

By Aunt Dinah.

"Remember that some of the brightest drops in the chalice of life may still remain for us in old age. The draught of the Roman of old had at the very bottom, not dregs, but costly pearls."

Dear readers of the dear old "Seer" I have not quite reached my eighth yet, I must say, I am going on to them, as fast as time can move. The sowing time of my life has gone, the harvest days have come, and the great tomorrow, with its gathering becomes the great center of hope and comfort to me. So I have been given this golden opportunity to write stories and answer questions from the children readers of the Missionary Seer. Children will you promise me by writing me some letters of love, and give me through this column, some nice stories that you will cheer your Aunt Dinah and all the old ladies throughout our dear Zion? If you will, I'll endeavor to keep this column bright with sleepy-time stories.

"Write as you would if an angel,
Awaited your writing at the door;
Write as you would if to-morrow
Found you where waiting was over;
Write as you would to the Master
If you met his searching look;
Write as you would if your writing
In His hand your writing took."

Dear children, will you write me?

There was once a handsome, bright little prince who had a beautiful mother. He was a great-nephew of the great Napoleon Bonaparte. He loved his beautiful mother, the Empress Eugenie very much and wanted to please her. But he was never in a hurry to do as she asked him; he wanted to take his own time.

When he was only a little boy, if she wanted him to rise in the morning, he would say, "yes in ten minutes." If his teacher told him that it was time to study, he would say "I'll be ready in ten minutes." At night, when his mother begged him to go to bed, he answered, "I will in ten minutes;" and if he felt too sleepy to talk, he would hold up five fingers on each dimpled hand as a sign for his usual waiting time. It was such a fixed habit of his growing life, day after day, that though he was Prince Imperial of France, his mother laughingly called him "Little Mr. Ten Minutes."

ed deserted. "Let us return," said an officer; the Zulus may be upon us." "No danger," said the young man "let us have a cup of coffee, and start in ten minutes." In less than ten minutes a band of fierce Zulus rushed upon them, and the young prince was the first to die by the sword.

Dear children, the habit of delaying, of procrastinating even ten minmay become as firmly fixed and as utes, when one should be "on time, dangerous to any of us as it was disastrous to the young Prince Imperial of France.

Will you lend a hand and not wait ten minutes to help feed, clothe and Christianize bleeding Africa?

Let us as children be as the great children's Crusade of 1912. Let us band our forces together and lay a plan or plans by which we can be the means of raising money, food and clothing to send to our little Sisters and brothers In that dark land.

"Are there ten thousand children
Filled with a zeal intense,
Ready for Christ to offer
Ready for Christ to offer
Their labors, their prayers, their pence?

Missionary Day, 4th Sunday in September, let all give.

Aunt Dinah.

THE JOINT MASS MEETING OF THE W. H & F. M. SOCIETY AND BUDS OF PROMISE. OF THE KANSAS CITY DISTRICT.

The Second Missionary Mass Meeting of the W. H. & F. M. and Buds of Promise, convened at St. Peters A. M. E. Zion Church, Kansas City, Mo., Rev. Mrs. Lethia Beard, Pastor. Mrs. M. Douglas, District, Pres. of the W. H. & F. M. Society and Miss B L. Brown, Dist. Supt of the Buds of Promise, Presiding.

Morning Session.

The morning session of the Mass meeting was opened by singing Hymn No. 138. Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. M. Douglas. Prayer offerd. Roll called, followed by the election officers. Adjournment. Benediction by Rev. Beard.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was opened at 3:00 p. m. by singing hymn No. 133. The 91st Psalm was read by Mrs. M. Douglas. Scripture lesson by Mrs. M. Davis. Mrs. Quarrels then opened up an interesting discussion. "What the Missionaries can do to better War Conditions." In which many of the ladies took part. Miss B. L. Brown, Dist. Supt. of the Buds and Rev. F. D. Douglas brought out some very interesting points. Mrs. Abernathy made a fine lecture on Missionary travels in Jesus. Collection. Adjournment. Benediction.

Evening Session.

The devotional exercises of the evening meeting were conducted by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Duncan. Scripture Lesson by Mrs. Brown. Selection by St. Peters Choir. "True Hearted, Whole Hearted." Report of the Buds of Promise by Miss Louise Williams, of the Kansas City District. Report of the W. H. & F. M. Society by Mrs. M. Smith of the Kansas City District.

Program for the Evening.

1. Selection by the Choir.
2. Class Recitation, Sunbeams. Louis Wadkins, Charlene Killough,
3. Ressa Hutchinson.
4. Song by the Baby Buds of St. Peters.
5. Instrumental Solo, by Barbera Johnson, St. Matthews.
6. Recitation. Jessie Riley. Round Top.
7. Response to the Buds of Promise Program, Rev. Parker, Pastor of St. Paul, Rosedale, Kans.
8. Solo. Mrs. Baker.
9. Reading, "The Great Judgment," Mrs. Davis.
10. Solo, by Rev. Parker.
11. Remarks by Miss Kitchen of Varick Chapel.
12. Duet by Misses Stanford and Gray of St. Paul.
13. Remarks by Rev. Roberts of St. James.
14. Miss B. L. Brown introduced Miss Quarrells, Supt. of Buds at St. Matthews, Miss Annie Pierce, Loca Supt. of Buds, Varick Chapel and Miss E. Brown, Dist. Sec. and Local Supt. of the Buds.
15. Collection. $18.44.

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7:30 P. M.

1. Organ Prelude
2. Processional
3. Hymn
4. Scripture Lesson
5. Invocation
6. Singing, Select
7. Decalogue
8. Sermon or Address, Select
9. Invitation for Membership
10. Collection
11. Doxology
12. Benediction

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The little children in Japan
  Are fearfully polite;
They always thank their bread and milk
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And say, "You make us most content,
O honorable nourishment."

The little children in Japan
  Don't think of being rude.
"O noble, dear mamma," they say,
"We trust we don't intrude,"
Instead of rushing in to where
All day their mother combs her hair.

The little children in Japan
  Wear mittens on their feet;
They have no proper hats to go
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They don't object at all to use.

The little children in Japan
  With toys of paper play,
And carry paper parasols
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil. He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, thy coming in from this time forth and even for ever-

The Connectional Council, which has just closed at Chicago was really the best ever held in the History of our Church. It was largely attended, not only by its members, but by Ministers and Laymen from every section of our church. It was indeed a great meeting. Its sessions were harmonious and profitable, and the entire aggregation were full of cheerfulness, and sunshine. Drs. Goler, Dancy, Anderson, Whitted Martin, made splendid reports of their departments. Prof. J. W. Crockett, manager of the Publication House, reported great progress along all lines, touching the Publication interests and the spread of our church literature throughout the church. His report was a good one as well as other reports coming from Dr. J. Francis Lee, Editor of our Sunday School Literature, Dr. C. C. Alleyne, Editor of the Quarterly Review, T. W. Wallace, Editor of the Western Star of Zion, Prof. Aaron Brown, Pres, of the Varick Christian Endeavor Society and Prof. J. W. Eichelberger of the Sunday School Union. Among other reports, Prof. Suggs, President of Livingstone College, gave a splendid account of himself, and was truly optimistic of the outlook and progress of our Chief Educational Institution.

Mrs. Ida W. Smith reported on the work of the W. H. & F. M. Society. She reported as having received from the good Women throughout the connection, more than $7,000 during the last year for Foreign Missions. A good part of this amount has been placed to the credit of the reserve fund. The report was a good one. Mrs. Annie W. Blackwell, Mrs. Marie L. Clinton, Rev. Mrs. Florence Randolph, Mrs. Ida V. Smith, and Miss Victoria Richardson were commended for the very excellent showing made in their several departments and the work accomplished in convocational meetings held in several sections of the country. Mrs. J. W. Brown, President of our Supply Department made an excellent report. She reported as having aided many of our Missionaries in Foreign fields with eatables and wearing apparel. She was commended for the splendid work that she has been able to do by the assistance of the good people of the church. All reports were commended. Even the report of the Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Missions.

The Council voted to hold the next General Conference at Knoxville, Tenn., May 1920. The blessings of God the Father and the Son be upon us, Amen.

Bishop G. W. Clinton, D. D., Bishop J. W. Alstork, Bishop G. L. Blackwell, Bishop J. S. Caldwell Bishop A. J. Warner, Bishop L. W. Kyles, Bishop R. B. Bruce, Bishop W. L. Lee, and Bishop G. C. Clement, were lionized by the members of the Connectional Council for the great service that they are rendering the Church. We hope for them every blessing and success.

This month's issue of the Seer is devoted to Mrs. Ida V. Smith's financial report and supplementary pages of the Young Women's Department and the Buds of Promise. We hope that our readers will find this issue of the Seer very interesting. Our next issue yill ocntain the names of Pastors and the amount of money sent in from their churches for Missionary Day Collections.

Dear Brethren, our Fall Conferences are before us, each Pastor is expected to make a full report of his labors during the past twelve months. We hope for you unbounded success in this respect. We hope your General Claims, and every asthat you will raise every cent of sessment placed upon your certificate of appointment. The Law requires that you shall report $1.00 or more for every Sunday School under your charge. We hope that this will be done. Don't fail to report in full on your Missionary day's collection. We hope that ev-

ery Pastor in the church will have unusual success in collecting all of his claims and reporting larger collections for Foreign Missions.

Rev. W. J. Walls visited the Indiana Conference, presided over by Bishop L. W. Kyles in Indianapolis He was in the pulpit Sunday and he urges all members and friends to be on time as late comers help delay the time, as late comers help delay the service.

ZION'S BIG $19,400.00 RALLY IS THE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH'S CONNECTIONAL DEBT PAYING EFFORT. FROM OCT. 1917 to DEC. 1918.

The Board of Bishops and Connectional Council in session at Chicago agreed to inaugurate a debt paying rally beginning October 1917 and ending December 1918. Amount equal to twenty (20) per cent of the General Assessment is asked to be raised by each Annual Conference. The amount to be collected by each conference is herein stated. The twenty (20) per cent is to be raised by special effort on the part of each pastor, the same to be reported to the Bishop of the District who will send the amount thus collected to Dr. W. H. Goler, Treasurer, If each Bishop, Presiding Elder, Pastor and member will co-operate, we will greatly reduce our GENERAL CONNECTIONAL DEBT and put our Beloved Zion on easy street.

The necessity for this rally will be seen at a glance when we tell you that nearly every cent that is now raised for church extension and Home Mission purposes has to go to pay obligations of long standing and even at that we are doing little less than paying the interest on some of these amounts. If we can cut down our indebtedness, say one-half, or even one-third, we will be in position to help our Home Missions and Missionaries and do some real church extending. Let us make the incoming year a year of jubilee by cutting off a big slice of our CONNECTIONAL DEBT and preparing for a new day in the march of Zion. More than a hundred of our Presiding Elders and Pastors who were present at Chicago endorsed the plan and have gone home filled with enthusiasm to work it.

The first report is asked for at the time of the Commencement at Livingstone College, May 1918; the final report will be made in connection with the Bishops Meeting, January 1919.

Let us see which Episcopal District will report in full by May 1918. Each Bishop will act as Treasurer of his District. Each Bishop, each General Officer and such other conference representatives as the Bishops of the several Districts might appoint will make up the first energizing working force in getting the result the church so much needs. Each District will get due credit for every cent it raises. All Sunday Schools, Christian deavor Societies, the three branches of the Missionary Society are called upon to join the jubilee and make a contribution to this fund. Special receipts have been provided by Dr. W. H. Goler, the Treasurer, for everyone who sends in any amount for this fund.

Suggestions to the Men on the Field in Raising Their Quota Without Much Burden to Themselves or Members.

FIRST:—In some cases the fifth Sundays may be used to advantage in a rally for this fund, employing any device decided on by the pastor and members.

SECONDLY:—A Convention might be held in each Presiding Elder's District or a great rally carried through for the whole Conference. In this case each pastor would vie with each other in bringing his assessment for this purpose to the Convention. Books, punch cards and other devices may be secured through the General Committee at 420 South 11th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Amount Apportioned to Each Episcopal District and Conference.

2nd Episcopal District,
Bishop G. W. Clinton, D. D.,

New Jersey	$ 480.00
Western North Carolina	1,440.00
Blue Ridge	270.00
East Tenn.	250.00
	$2,440.00

3rd Episcopal District
Bishop J W. Alstork, D. D.

Alabama	$ 880.00
North Alabama	520.00
South Alabama	480.0
Cahaba	480.00
	2,360.00

4th Episcopal District
Bishop J. S. Caldwell, D. D.

New York	$ 500.00
Philadelphia and Baltimore	1,000.00
Allegheny	300.00
Ohio	300.00
West Alabama	880.00

Bishop G. L. Blackwell, D. D.

Michigan	$ 100.00
Western New York	200.00
Virginia	600.00
Albermarle	600.00
West Central North Carolina	800.00
	$2,300.00

6th Episcopal District,
Bishop A. J. Warner, D. D.

North Carolina	$840.00
Cape Fear	840.00
Indiana	120.00
Arkansas	240.00
North Arkansas	120.00
California	60.00
Oregon Washington	20.00
	$1,560.00

8th Episcopal District,
Bishop R. B. Bruce, D. D.

South Carolina	$1,200.00
Palmetto	600.00
Georgia	240.00
South Georgia	120.00
	$2,160.00

9th Episcopal District
Bishop W. L. Lee, D. D.

Florida	280.00
South Florida	200.00
	$2,160.00

7th Episcopal District	
Bishop L. W. Kyles, D. D.,	
Central North Carolina	$ 800.00
Missouri	200.00
New England	$ 400.00
South Mississippi	280.00
Central Alabama	520.00
Louisiana	160.00
North Louisiana	80.00
Texas	40.00
	$1.480.00
10th Episcopal District	
Bishop G. C. Clement, D. D.	
Kentucky	$ 300.00
West Kentucky	300.00
Tennessee	560.00
West Tennessee and Miss.	360.00
Oklahoma	40.00
	$1,560.00
Total,	$19,400.00

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SALUTATORY.

With this number the three departments of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society make their initial bow in a Supplement to the Seer, to be issued quarterly.

All matter for publication in this supplement should be sent as follows: from the Women's department, to Mrs. Annie W. Blackwell, 624 South 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa Young Women's department, Miss Victoria Richardsos, 802 West Monroe St., Salisbury, N. C., Buds of Promise. Mrs. G. W. Clinton 415 North Myers St., Charlotte, N. C.

It is hoped that every presiding officer of the local societies will be come a subscriber at once to the Seer so that she may keep in touch with the general work and know what is going on in each department of the society.

It is the policy of the Secretaries to have every President, Secretary and Superintendent in the local Societies receive the supplement, but up to this time not half of them are enrolled on their books and therefore cannot be put on the mailing list. The pastors, presiding elder and district officers should see to it that every local officer's name is sent to the Secretary of her respective department at once.

Every member of the Missionary Society should help to make this venture far reaching in its influence, by reporting regularly every thing of importance that is being done, that it may be passed on to others for their inspiration and information. As steel sharpeneth steel, so will the knowledge of the work being done in one part of Zion help to stir the women to activity in every other section.

MISSIONARY CONVOCATION AND EXECUTIVE MEETING, INDIANAPOLIS AND CHICAGO

Mrs. A. W. Blackwell.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society raises $1100. in its Convocation and Executive Meeting, held in Indianapolis, Ind., and Chicago, Ill.

Allegheny District gets the Convocation Banner and the New Jersey Conference carries the Episcopal District Banner to the 4th Episcopal District.

The Convocation held in Indianapolis, Ind., comprising the Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Allegheny Kentucky and West Kentucky Conferences, was voted to be the best, from every view point, that has been held by the women of the missionary society. Every conference sent a financial report and with one exception was represented by a delegate.

The program covered every phase of the work that is being done by the women, and was entered into with enthusiasm and zeal. The remarkable feature of the Convocation was the presence of so many intelligent, aggressive young women, who entered the discussions with all the vigor of the old veterans. It is indeed encouraging to observe that many of our teachers are finding an outlet for their energies, in the work of the church along missionary and humanitarian lines.

The Pastor, Rev. S. D. Davis, assisted by the Foreign Missionary Secretary, Dr. J. W. Wood, together with the good people of Indianapolis, were open handed in their hospitality.

Indianapolis being the home town of Mme. C. J. Walker, she would not be left out of the hospitable entertainment of the delegation, and she gave to all the delegates an afternoon drive is automobiles thru the parks and beautiful streets of Indianapolis.

There was a splendid spirit of rivalry, friendly and cordial, between the Conferences reporting in this meeting. The delegates were all guessing until the final reports were read. who would get the banner, Michigan, Kentucky or Allegheny. That question was settled when Allegheny's splendid corps of workers Mrs. Anna L. Anderson, Mrs. Jennie Dobbins, and Mrs. Lena Harris, were called to the platform and presented with the beautiful banner. This district having reported $381.60 in this meeting.

The women of the Kentucky conference gave the warning however that they would be pleased to relieve the Allegheny confrence of the banner at the next Convocation of this District

The General officers and many of the delegates, at the rise of this meeting journeyed to Chicago to witness the closing sessions of the Convocation and the Executive meeting.

Rev. W. A. Blackwell, and his good people received them with open arms and the auxiliaries of the church vied with each other in their effort to entertain, to the delight and comfort of the delegates. The Board was excellent, the atmosphere of hospitality congenial, and the spirit of good fellowship pervaded all the sessions.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society under the leadership of Mrs. Loretta West, as President, provided an outing with seven automobiles, filled to capacity, with delegates, who saw Chicago, and Chicago saw the Missionary Women.

The Young Women's Missionary Society, followed suite, in giving the delegation an outing in a chartered car, to the Municipal pier, one of the show places of Chicago, Compliments of Miss Lillian Browder, District Secretary, Young Women's Missionary Society.

The personnel of the Executive meeting was up to the minute, and with her gracious smile, reporting from every part of Zion The reporter for the meeting will tell about the entire delegation. Mrs Daisy Johnson, General Lecturer, the work done by herself along her line of wor in the

Mrs. J. W. Alstork, eagle-eyed and zealous for the ranking of the 3rd Episcopal district, of which she is vice president, reported a splendid

Convocation held in that district.

Mrs. R. B. Bruce, Vice-president of the 8th Episcopal District, gave a glowing account of the activities of the women of the two Carolina and Georgia conferences, for Home Missions, and pledged a full report for the foreign field in the immediate future. Mrs. Bruce was made a Life Member i General Society in this meeting

Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, Vice-president of the 10th Episcopal District was supported in the representation of that district by four District officers and many workers: Miss S. J. Janifer, Washington, D. C., Mrs. A. L.Anderson ,Mrs. Jennie Dobbins, Mrs. Lena Harris, Mrs. E. P. Smith, Mrs. E. G. Smith Mrs. Annie Harris, Mrs Hopewell, all of the Allegheny Conference
Mrs. Emma C. Clement, Vice-president of the 10th Episcopal District, a bundle of nervous energy—has worked wonders in the life and activity of the missionary women of this district. Mrs. Lizzie Evans Pierce, Miss Wallace, Miss Katie V. Harrison, were all present to testify to the splendid work that is being done.

The General Organizers, Mrs. Anna L. Anderson and Mrs. Missouri Moore, Brooklyn, N. Y., needed just the inspiration of this meeting to send them forth to greater effort along their particular line.

But there was a "new Richmond" in the field, and lest you should forget, ever you would be reminded, "Please don't forget the Supply Department." Mrs. Martha Hill Brown, New York City, the very efficient and capable Secretary of this department, made one of the best reports heard in this meeting

Mrs. G. W Clinton, General Superintendent, Buds of Promise, and Miss Victoria Richardson, General Secretary of the Young Women, as always, it was nip and tuck with them, as to which department was in the lead, numerically and financially. Each anxious and full of enthusiasm for her work and her workers. Oh, it was great, just to watch them and enjoy the rivalry for leadership, wtih those two departments.

The Climax was reached when the General Treasurer Mrs. Ida V. Smith reported and determined which of the Episcopal Districts was the banner district, and which conference in the district had reported the largest amount of money for the year, and was entitled to the Episcopal District Banner.

The New Jersey Conference had sent to Mrs. Smith, $545. for the year and the district president of that district, who is also the General president of the General Society, was the happy recipient of this banner. The 4th Episcopal District was declared by the treasurer, the Banner District. Bishop Clinton smiled all over his face, I hear him smiling yet.

All in all, we feel that these two meetings have proven that the women of Zion church are abreast with the best thinking women of the Christian church in their effort to spread Christ's Kingdom in the world.

Mrs. Henrietta Davis, Secretary of the Life Members Council, made a report in the absence of the President, Mrs. M. E. Washington, and turned over $15.00 for that department.

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The following paid $20.00 and were made Life Members in the General Society: Mrs. A. S. McGowan, Mrs. Belle Street, Mrs. Rose Hopewell, Mrs. Lel Parkham, Mrs. Daisy Crans, Mrs. Julia Hammock, Mrs. Emily Lewis, Mrs. Helen McCrea, Mrs. Maggie Watkins, Mrs. Martha Clinton, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Ollie Reynolds, Mrs. Annie Terry, Mrs Laura Cook, Mrs. Eudora Green, Miss Virginia Claxton, Mrs. Anna Owens, Mrs. Lydia Crable Mrs. Louise Pringle, Mrs. Hailstork, Mrs Henrietta Bruce Mrs. Ida Barber.

Five Hundred Dollars for Livingstone College.

When the Rally was put on for the Girl's Dormitory, Livingstone College, the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, pledged the General Society for one thousand dollars. Up to this time that pledge has only been met about half way, and we feel that the women will not allow this record to stand.

We are asking every district president, district secretary, and district superintendent to see the the small sum of five dollars be sent to the treasurer from each presiding elder's district, within the next thirty days. The college is in great need of this money, so it behooves us to act at once.

This will mean that every local president of the women's department, every local secretary of the Young Women's department, and every local superintendent of the Buds of Promise will within the next thirty days, send one dollar or MORE to Mrs. Ida V. Smith, 1309 R. St., n.w. Washington, D. C. and say to her this money is to liquidate the pledge made by our General Society, for the Girls Dormitory of Livingstone College

The reputation of the Missionary Society has gone forth as the most business like organization in the whole church, and we must sustain that reputation to do that we must meet our obligation forthwith.

We feel that every Missionary Officer will be anxious to do her very best and act quickly to meet this emergency call .

Who will be the first to send in a substantial sum for this fund. Let the size of your contribution represent the largeness of your interest in your society and its obligations and your girls.

All names and amounts reported will be printed in the Seer Supplement.

TWO SPLENDID WOMEN FOR THE AFRICAN WORK.

The Women of the Missionary Society do well to be proud of the acumen, personality, and prowess of the two worthy young women, Mrs. Henrietta Peters and Miss Lillian C. Tshabalala, who have been and will represent them in the foreign field after this war is over.

They are now traveling over the church getting acquainted with the ministers and women of the church, inspiring them to a more loyal support of the cause of missions.

They have been traveling since April and have worked in ten states rendering valuable services in our convocations and other public meetings. Where ever they have been they are in demand for a return engagement. They are now in Chicago, working in all the churches.

We can safely feel that when these two consecrated women take up their work in Africa, that the personal touch they have had with the women on the field will add greatly to the hearty response they

will get from them, to every appeal made for their work. Let us all pray for them and their work every day.

TWO BANNERS FOR THE MISSIONARY MEETINGS

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in its propaganda for stimulating worthy effort, has included in its awards for merit, two banners: One to the Presiding Elder's District in any conference reporting the largest amount of money in a convocation. This banner to be held until the next convocationn of that Missionary district and then re-awarded.

2nd, An Episcopal District Banner, to be awarded to the Conference which reports the large ount of money annually to the General Treasurer, this banner to be awarded at the Executive Meeting in the Council.

The Episcopal District reporting the largest amount of money quadrennially will through the conference holding the banner at this meeting lead the demonstration in the General Convention.

The awarding of these two banners gives added zest to pastors, presiding elders and Bishops to aid the women in securing these banners for their districts.

The Episcopal banner was woven by our African boys in Quittah Mission School, under the guidance of our Missionary, Rev. Reginald Peters, and is very unique. It seems a beautiful thing that it should be awarded the first time to the one who first conceived the idea of having this banner, Rev. Florence Randolph.

New Jersey, being a part of the 4th Episcopal District, carries the honor to that district. Hurrah for the gallant Fourth. May she lead until some other district does a better work and makes a larger report.

SERVICE FOR OTHERS.

There are many folks in this life who are losing the real pleasure of living because theirs is a selfish existence. The only real pleasure that can possibly be gotten out of life is that, that comes through the giving of cheer, comfort and happiness to others.

If you would know what real joy is, find some one, a child it may be, or any one who is distressed, burdened or sick; and with a kind word or benevolent act, change the outlook of that life ;lift the burden, relieve the pain, and observe the countenance lighten, the whole expression change, the look of hope that beams through the eyes, the lifting of the shoulders, the straightening of the spine, the transformation of the entire person, and you will realize what it is to live and serve. Go help someobdy today

MISSIONARY CARD.

"To Help Needy Africa," is a unique little card that has been gotten out by the Missionary Society, 50c per hundred. There are 12 suggestions offered on this card why any one should give to the cause of missions. The amount that may be raised by a single card is unlimited, for the reason that one person might for that single 12th reason, give $1.00 because he cannot go. Get these cards and get some real money for your Society.

CONVOCATIONS IN THE SOUTH-WEST.

There will be held two Convocations in the south west in the early part of next year, the time and place to be named later. The following conferences will make up the two convocational districts: 1st West Tenn. and Mississippi, North Louisiana and South Mississippi, 2nd, Arkansas, North Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Notices will be sent out in time for these conferences and make as good a showing as the eastern conferences.

FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

March first, Ending May 31, 1917.
Ida V. Smith, Treas.

First Episcopal District, New York Conference, Central District, W. H. & F. M. S. Mrs. J. A C Boyd, D Pres. Mass Meeting, New Rochelle, N. Y., March first:

Rush Memorial church	$ 5.00
Mt. Vernon, L. Member for Mrs. J. A. C. Boyd	5.00
Educating Charity, A girl	15.00
Yonker, N. Y.	1.25
Tarrytown, N. Y.	1.00
Nyack, N. Y.	2.50
Sparkhill, N. Y.	2.30
Mamaroneck	2.00
Mrs. Elenor Hawkins, L member	5.00
Educating, charity, a girl	5.00
Portchester, E. charity a girl	5.00
Portchester for treasurer	1.75
Supplies for three dep'ts	5.10
New Rochelle	2.00
Total,	$57.90
Charity, a girl	$25.00
Life member	10.00
Supplies	5.10
General Treasury	19.18
Total,	$57.90

Y. W. H. & F. M. S

Mrs. F. Allen, Dist. Sect.	$ 8.75
Mrs Inez Cruse	
Buds of promise	8.75
Total, New York Conf.	$75.40

New England Conference, Boston District, W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs T. A. Auten, Dist. Pres.
Mrs. Sarah Jackson, W. Newton, Mass.

Hymnals for Rev. W. A. Dean	$8.00
Joint Memorial Mass Meeting, Bridgeport, Conn., April 26, 27, 1917. Mrs. T. A. Auten and Mrs. Della Eley	
General Treasury	$15.25
Supply Department	3.00
African boy	3.25
Total	$29.50

Mrs. Della Eley, Dist. Pres. Hartford Dist.
Mass meeting held Feb. 1-2, 1917.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Hartford, Conn.	$ 1.00
New Haven, Conn.	1.00
Bridgeport, Conn.	1.00
New London, Conn.	4.00
Waterbury, Conn.	.50
Covington, Conn.	1.00
Wedd'etown, Conn.	1.00
Meridian, Conn.	1.00
Norwich, Conn.	.50
Willimantic, Conn.	1.00
Derby, Conn.	.25
Total	$12.25

Y. W. H. & F. M. S

Hartford	$1.00
New London	.50
Waterbury	1.00
Derby	.25

Buds of Promise.

Waterbury, Conn.	$1.00
Meridian	.25
Norwich	.50

Willimantic ..... .50
Derby 1.00
Total $2.50
Total for Hartfort Dist ...$18.50

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Hattie Tooney, Willimantic, Conn. $2.00
Total New England Conf. ..$57.75

Central North Carolina

Carthage District, Mrs. Mattie B. Bethea, Southern Pines for the District $10.00
Grand total for District $143.15

New Jersey Conference.

2nd Episcopal District, New Jersey District.

Rev. F. Randolph, Dist. Pres., Mrs Eva Thompson, Dist. Treas.

Second Quarterly Mass Meeting, Englewood, N. J., April 30, 1917.

Jersey City $3.00
Hackensack 2.00
Bayonne 3.00
Red Bank 4.00
Rossville 3.00
Englewood 3.00
S. Bethlehem 3.00
Trenton 1.75
Somerville 2.00
Ridgewood 4.00
W. New Brighton 3.00
Eatontown 2.00
Camden 2.00
Middletown 4.00
Total $39.75

Life Members.

Mrs. Minerva Miller, Paterson, N. J. $6.00
Miss Eva Thompson, Red Bank 4.00
Mrs. Charity Anderson, Paterson, N. J. 12.75
Mrs. Carrie Goode, Red Bank 2.00
Total $24.75

Supplies.

Mrs. B. F. Wheeler, Hackensack, N. J. $11.80

Y. W. H. & F. M. S

Mrs. A. M. Harper, Dist. Sect.

Second Mass Meeting, A. Conf Englewood, N. J.

Mrs. Justine Miller, Jersey City$1.50
Mrs. Jennie Sisco, Cloister ... 1.00
Mrs. Mary Williams, Ridgewood 2.00
Mrs. Louise Searce, Bayonne . .75
Mrs. Fannie Thomas, Englewood 1.00
Mrs. Ida Manning, Westfield .. 1.50
Mrs. Mable Berry, Camden, N. J. 1.00
Mrs. Mamie Anderson, Paterson, N. J. ..... .75
Mrs. Claudie Buckner 1.50
Mrs. Helen Henry, Rossville . 1.50
Mrs. Beulah Johnson, Trenton, N. J. 1.50
Mrs. Clara Hawkins, Hackensack ..... .75
Total, ...$14.75

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Carrie Goode, Dist. Supt.

Trenton, ...$1.25
Red Bank 1.75
Matawan 3.00
Eatontown 1.00
Rossville 1.00
Englewood 1.25
Over amount 1.00
Total, ...$10.25

Mrs. Carrie Langford, Dist. Supt:

Camden 1.00
Hackensack ..... .75
Westfield .....$ 2.50
Jersey City, ... 3.00
Bayonne 2.25
Summerville 1.00
Total $10.50
Total New Jersey Conf. ..$111.80

Western North Carolina Conference.

W. H. Charlotte Dist.

Mrs. Bessie Watkins, Dist. Pres.
Mrs. Ida Barber, Clinton Chaple $2.00
Mrs. Josie Foster, Myers Chaple 1.35
Lula Hood, Wrights Chapel.. 1.00
Cora Strong, E. Stonewall .. 2.00
Alice Howie, Rossville 1.00
Mary J. Dudley, Pleasant Ridge 1.00
Susan Hood, Commerce 1.00
Mattie Means, Bethel ..... .50
Total $9.85

Y. W. H. & F. M. S

Mrs C. M. Simmons, Dist. Sec.

Mrs. Cora Buchannon, Myers Chapel 1.00
Mrs. Carrie Kirkpatrick, Weeping Willow ..... .25
Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Shelby, N. C. 2.00
Total, ...$3.85

Buds of Promise

Miss Bulah Moore, Dist Supt.:

Mrs. Rosa Moore's Sanctuary $ .50
Mrs. Sallie Thompson, Pleasant Ridge 1.00
Mrs. Gertrude Davis, E. Stonewall ..... .50
Mrs. Venie Davis, Lowell, N. C. Wrights Chapel 1.00
Mrs. Roberta Brown, Middle St. Church 1.00
Total $4.00
Mrs. Marie Clinton, sale of hearts $1.00
Total, ...$5.00

W. H., North Charlotte Dist.

Mrs. Elizabeth Quinn, Dist. Pres:
Mrs Rosa Lytle, Huntersville, N. C. $1.00
Mrs. M. Neely, Mooresville, N. C. 1.00
Mrs. Rachel Torrence, Mooresville, N. C. 1.00
Mrs. M. B. Luckie, Charlotte, N. C, ... 2.00
Mrs. M. R. Houston, Charlotte, N. C. 1.00
Mrs. Maggie Alexander, Derita, N. C. 1.10
Rev. R. A. Armstrong, Lowell, N. C. ..... .75
Total, ...$7.85

Lincolnton Dist.

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Julia D. Martin, Gastonia N. C. $1.50
Mrs. May W. Miller, Rutherfordton, N. C. 4.50
Total Western N. C. $32.85
Mrs. H. E. Carr, Statesville, N. C. $1.00

Blue Ridge Conference

Hendersonville District, W. H.

Mrs. Mattie Anderson $1.00
Total Blue Ridge Conf. $1.00

East Tennessee Conference

Bristol Dist. W. H.

Mrs. Alice Arvin, Wilder, Va. $3.00
Total E. Tennessee Conf. ..$3.00
Grand total for Dist. $148.65

Third Episcopal District. Convo-

Opelika District.

Mrs. Josie Bowie, V. P. $12.00
Y's. 4.00
Buds 2.00
Total $18.00

Tuskegee District:

Mrs. C. W. Green, V. P. $1.15
Mrs D Western, Sec. 2.00
Buds 2.00
Total, ...$5.15

Union Springs Dist:

Y's. ..... .200
Buds 1.00
Total $5.50
Total Alabama Conf. $28.65

Southeast Alabama Conference

Wetumpka District:

Mrs. Emma Taylor, V. P. $1.50
Southeast Ala. Conf. $1.50

North Alabama Conference

Tuscaloosa District:

Mrs Ada L. M. Hall, V. P. ...$13.00
Y's. 1.00
Buds 1.00
Total, ...$15.00

Pratt City District:

Mrs. G. Fitzpatrick, V. P. ...$13.00
Y's. 1.00
Mrs. W. J. Caver, Buds 1.50
Total $15.50

Birmingham District:

Mrs. Daisy Johnson, V. P. ...$51.00
Y's. 10.00
Buds 10.00
Total, ...$71.00
Mrs. Daisy Johnson $12.50
Total, ...$83.50
North Birmingham District:
Mrs. Mc D. Sharp. V. P. $6.25
Y's. 5.50
Buds 3.00
Total, ...$14.75
North Alabama Conf. $128.75

Cahaba Conference.

Se ma District:
Mrs M. J. Campbell, V. P. ...$8.00
Miss Tennessee Jackson, Y's. 2.00
Miss Cora E. King, Buds ... 2.00
Total, ...$12.00
Demopolis District:
Mrs L. S. Blackledge, V. P. ...$2.25
Y's. ..... .25
Buds 1.50
Total, ... 4.00
Greensboro District:
Mrs. M. A. Williams, V. P . $1.00
Buds ..... .75
Cahaba Conf. $17.75

South Alabama Conference.

Brewton District:
Mrs. Susan Page, V. P. $8.25
Mrs. Annett Batchlor, Y's .. .25
Mrs. F. Kirkman, Buds 1.00
Total, ... 9.50
Georgiana District:
Mrs E. M. Brooks, V. P. $5.00
Y's. 1.00
Buds ..... .60
Total, ...$6.60
Greenville District:
Mrs. Eliza Payne, V. P. $9.00
Y's. ..... .73
Buds 1.25
Total, ...$10.90
South Alabama Conf. $27.08
Grand Total $203.73

Fourth Episcopal District
Philadelphia & Baltimore Conference
Philadelphia District: W. H.
Mrs. Mary Bidgel, Dist. Pres.
Mass Meeting held April 26th.
Mrs. Lula Gaines, Milton and Delta .....$ .50
Mrs. Matilda Stewart, Wesley Union Harrisburg, Pa. 2.00
Mrs. Josephine Richardson, Walters Union Phila, Pa 5.00
Mrs. Margaret Bradley, Grace, Wilmington, Pa. 1.00
Mrs M. W. Davis, Grace Mission, Phila, Pa. ..... .50
Mrs. Lottie Easy, Calvary Mission, Phila, Pa. ..... .50
Mrs. D. P. Whitten, Bethsaida Mission, Phila. Pa. 10.00
Mrs. J. C. Brisco, St. Marks, Newtown, Pa. 1.00
Mrs. Ella Fenderson, Varick Chapel 4.00
Mrs. Martha Hicks, Wesley Chapel 16.76
Total, ...$41.23

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Alice Birchett, Dist. Sec.
Mrs. Alice Birchett, Wesley Ch $4.25
Mrs Thomas, Varick 1.50
Rev. D. P. Whitten, Bethsaida .50
Rev Williams, Grace Ch. Wilmington ..... .25
Miss Grace Thorogood, Grace Mission, ... .50
Total, ...$7.00

W. H.

Mrs. Bidgel for Rev. Pallett, Frankford, Pa. .....$ .50
Miss Ella Robinson, York, Pa. 2.05
Rev. J. W. Martin, Fawn Circuit, ... 1.00
Total, ...$3.25

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Alice Birchett, Wesley Ch $2.00
Mrs. Lavina Ogle, York, Pa. . 1.00
Rev. W. A. Ray, Harrisburg, Pa. 1.00

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Mrs Carpenter, Wesely Ch. A. Sirls 5.00
Total, ...$9.00

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Ella J. Caldwell, Annual Conf.
Mrs. Lucy Wadd, Varick Ch ..$3.00
Mrs. Queen, Wesley Ch. ... .50
Rev. D. P. Whitten, Bethsaida .25
Rev. Davis, Grace Mission ... .50
Rev. FrFancis S. Cooper, Harris Chapel, Harrisburg, Pa. 1.00
Mrs. M. Bradley, Wilmington, Del. 1.00
Total, ...$6.25

Washington District:
Miss S. Janifer, 3rd and 4th Quarter
Mass meeting held at Metropolitan Ch., April 12th.
Metropolitan, ...$4.00
Union Wesley 6.78
Mrs. A. Owens, life member . 6.10
Mrs. G McDonald, life member John Wesley 2.50
Galbraith, Ch. 1.25
Trinity, Ch. 1.50
Burrville, D. C. 1.00
Arlington, Va. ..... .50
Rockville, Md. 1.00
Total, ...$24.63
Miss Mary Mason Dist, Sec.
Mrs. G. C. Brown, John Wesley life member $1.00
Mrs. Ada Battle, Galbraith, life member 3.00
Miss Cleo Ridgely, Union Wesley 2.00
Miss Eunice Henson, Arlington Va. ..... .25
Total, ...$6.25

Buds of Promise.

Miss Florence Wye, Dist. Supt. 2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarters.
Life Member for Mrs. M. J. Adams $1.50
Mrs. M. Honesty, Union Wesley 1.50
Dr. Coleman, John Wesley .. .96
Mrs. Nellie Burton, Galbraith 1.25
Mrs. Ruth Smith, Trinity ... 2.00
Mrs. Mamie Carter, Arlington, Va. 1.30
Total, ...$
W. H. Mass meeting $40.09
Miss S. Janifer, A. Conf.
Rev W. J Byrd, Gettysburg, Pa $2.50
Rev. S. Q. Swan, Carlisle, Pa. 1.00
Rev J. W. Fairfax, Shippens, burg, Va. ..... .75
Rev. Stevens, Union Wesley .40
Rev. Barton, Washington, D. C. .25
Rev. Crump, Washington, D. C. .50
Total, ...$5.40

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Emma Whiten, Carlisle, Pa. $1.00

Buds of Promise.

Rev. W. J. Byrd, Gettysburg, Pa. 2.50
Total, ...$3.50
A. Conf. $8.90
Bishop J. S. Caldwell, public collection, ...$26.13
Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference $142.20

Allegheny Conference.

Pittsburgh District:

W. H.

Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Dist. Pres.
Dr. B. F. Hawkins John Wesley Ch. $2.00
Miss Sarah Lewis, Homewood, Pa. 1.00
Mrs. Lena Toliver, Mt. Washington, ... .50
Mrs. Thornhill, Carnegie, life member 20.00
Mrs. Maggie Watkins, supply 1.25
Rev. B. F. Combash, Myersdale .50
Mrs. Martha Thornhill, Oakdale, ... 1.00
Mrs W. M. Randolph, Blairsville, ... 1.00
Mrs. Lena Hall, Johnstown, Pa 2.00
Total, ...$29.75

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Jennie Dobbins, Dist, Sec.
Pittsburg, Pa, John Wesley ..$3.00
Miss Cornelia Corby, West End Pittsburg 1.00
Miss Minnie Murphy, Johnstown, life member 10.00
Rev. T. J. Wynn, Bedford, Pa .50
Rev. Combash for Mrs Blanch Lantz, life member ... 2.00

Rev. Combash, Myersdale .... .50
Mrs. Annie Smith, Carnegie, Pa. 1.00
Total, ...$18.00

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Lena Harris, Dist. Supt.:
Mrs. Illa Allen, Homewood. Pa $1.00
Mrs David Fulton, Mt. Washington, Pa. ..... .50
Miss Myrtle, Mt. Washington, Pa. ..... .50
Rev. J. W. Budden, Washington, Pa. ..... .50
Miss Rosa Thomas, Myersdale, Pa. ..... .50
Miss Milly Bolden, Bedford Pa. .50
Rev B. F. Bradley, Altoona, Pa. .50
Mrs Rosa Moore, Carnegie, Pa .50
Mrs. Christy Hill, Johnstown, Pa. 1.00
Mrs. Bessie Dangerfield, Mt. Pleasant Pa ..... .50
Miss Freda Wooten, Oakdale, Pa. ..... .50
Miss Pauline Page, Blairsville, Pa., ... .50
Total, ...$7.00
Allegheny Conference $54.75

Ohio Conference.

Mrs. Jennie Taylor, Dist. Pres.
First, second and third Quarters.
Avery Mission, Pa $8.00
Sewickly, Pa. 5.50
New Castle, Pa. 5.50
Youngstown, Ohio 2.25
Lisbon, Ohio 2.50
Cleveland, Ohio 2.00
Salem, Ohio 1.75
Belevue, Pa. 1st & 2nd quarter 1.00
Cincinnati, O. 1st quarter ... .50
Frankling, Pa., 2nd & 3rd quarter 5.00
Mercer, Pa., 2nd & 3rd quarter 1.00
Massilon, Pa. 2nd & 3rd quarter 1.00
Dayton O. 2nd quarter ..... .50
2nd quarter ..... .75
Sharon, O. 2nd quarter .... .75
Akron, O. 3rd quarter 1.00
Total, ...$36.50
Supply 1st, 2nd & 3rd quarter $ 8.75
Total, ...$45 25

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Susie Lee, Dist Sect.:
Avery Mission, 1, 2, 3, quarter $7.00
Sewickly, Pa. 4.00
New Castle, Pa. 3.00
Youngstown, 1 quarter ..... .50
Franklin, 1st quarter ..... .50
Cleveland, O. 1st, 3rd quarter 1.50
Salem, O. 2nd & 3rd quarter . 2.00
Massilon, O. 2nd & 3rd quarter 1.50
Sharon, Pa , 2nd quarter .... .75
Sharon, Pa. 3rd quarter .... .25
Akron, Pa. ..... .50
Supply 1st, 2nd & 3rd quarter 3.05
Total, ...$25.15

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Blanch Dillard, Dist. Supt.
Avery Mission, Pittsburgh, Pa. 1st, 2nd, 3rd quarter ... 3.00
Sewickly, Pa. 1st. 2nd & 3rd quarter 5.00
New Castle Pa. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter 3.00
Youngstown, O. 1st quarter ..$ .50
Lisbon, O., 2nd & 3rd quarter .75
Cleveland, O. 2nd & 3rd quarter 1.50
Franklin, O. 2nd & 3rd quarter 1.00
Mercer, Pa. 2nd & 3rd quarter .75
Massilon, Pa. 1.50
Akron, O. 3rd quarter ..... .50
Supply, 1st & 2nd quarter .... .35
2nd quarter over amount .... .40
Total, ...$18.25
Ohio Conf. $88.65
Grand total for dist. $291.60

Fifth Episcopal Dist.

Michigan Conference.

W. H.

Mrs. Delilah Thomas, Chicago Walters Ch. $73.43
Mrs. Eudora Green, supply .. 10.00
Mrs. Eudora Green, life member for Mrs. Delilah Thomas 20.00
Total, ...$103.43

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Lillian Browder, Dist. Sect.:
Mrs. Virginia Clarkton $12.40
Mrs. Virginia Clarkton 7.60
Rev. W. A. Blackwell, life member 20.00
Miss Lillian Browder, for Mrs. Mary Blackwell, life member 20.00
Total, ...$40.00
Michigan Conf. $143.43

Western New York Conference.

W. H.

Mrs. Susie Lee, Schoharie $1.50
W. New York Conf. .....$ .50

Virginia Conference

Mrs. Mary T. Williams, Hickory, Va., Gabriels Chapel $2.00
Mrs. Mary F. Williams 2.00
Gabriel's Chapel 2.00
Albermarle Conf. $2.00

West Central Conference.

W. H.

Mrs. Esther Graham, for Trinity Ch. $1.00
West Central Conf. 1.00
Grand total for Dist. $148.93

Sixth Episcopal District.

North Carolina Conference.

Washington District:

W. H.

Mrs. N. E. Nixon Rocky Mt. St. Johns Ch. $3.50
North Carolina Conf. $3.50

Cape Fear Conference

Mrs. S. A. Cook, Goldsboro, N. C. $3.00
Cape Fear Conf. 3.00
Grand total for Dist. $6.52
$6.82

Florida Conference.

Pensacola Dist.
Mrs. S. L. Hawkins, Bundle day $.17
Supply, ... .15
Total, ...$.32

Seventh Episcopal District.

Missouri Conference.

St. Louis Dist.:

W. H.

Mrs. E. D. Dunbar, Jefferson City, Mo., Dunisant Chapel$2.00
Missouri Conf $2.00

Indiana Conference.

Cairo District:
Mrs. C. H. Jackson, Mt. Vernon Ill., Dist Conf, April 25-29.
Mrs. Cook, Evansville, Ind. $1.30
Mrs. D. Connell, Centralia, Ill. .50
Total, ...$1.30
Mrs. C .H. Jackson, ...$5.70
Mrs. Leola Chapman, Evansville, Ind. Buds 5.00
Total, ...$10.7.
Indiana Conf. $12.50

California Conference.

Miss Eva Johnson, Oakland, Cal. W. H. $1.00
California Conf. $1.00

Oregon Conference.

Cascade Dist:
Mrs Louise Thomas, W. H.....$2.00
Constitutions ..... .25
Oregon Conf. $2.25
Grand Total district $17.50

Eighth Episcopal District

South Carolina Conference.

Mrs. Janie Douglass, Union, S. C. Clinton Chapel $5.00
South Carolina Conf $5.00
Grand total district $5.00

Tenth Episcopal District.

Tennessee Conference.

Athens District:
Mrs. E. M. Argyle, Maryville, Tenn, St. Paul Ch. $1.00
Tennessee Conf. $1.00

Kentucky Conference.

W. H.

Mrs. Ida Baam, Henderson, Ky $2.00
Mrs. Jennie Mills, Louisville, Ky, Broadway Ch. 3.45

Y. W. H.

Miss Frankie Wallace, Jacob St. Ch. $1.00
Miss Frankie Wallace, Jacob St. Ch. 5.00

Total, ...$6.00
Kentucky Conf. $11.45
Grand total for District $12.45
Grand total by districts $964.28

Episcopal Districts by Conferences.

First Episcopal District.

New York Conference $75.40
New England Conference .. 49.75
Central N. Carolina Conference 10.00
Total first District $135.15

Second Episcopal District
Bishop G. W. Clinton.

New Jersey Conference $111.80
W. North Carolina Conference 32.95
Blue Ridge Conference 1.00
East Tennessee Conference . 3.00
Total for second district $148.75

Third Episcopal District.
Bishop J. W. Alstork.
Convocation.

Alabama Conference $28.65
N. Alabama Conference 128.75
S. Alabama Conference 27.08
Southeast Alabama Conference 1.50
Cahaba Conference 17.50
Total for third district (Convocation) $203.73

Fourth Episcopal District
Bishop J. S. Caldwell.

Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference, ...$142.20
Allegheny Conference 54.75
Ohio Conference 83.65
Total for fourth District .$285.70

Fifth Episcopal District.
Bishop G. L. Blackwell.

Western New York Conference $.50
Michigan Conference 143.43
Virginia Conference 2.00
Albermarle Conference 2.00
West Central Conference 1.00
Total fifth District $148.93

Sixth Episcopal District.
Bishop A. J. Warner.

North Carolina Conference ..$3.50
Cape Fear Conference 3.00
Florida Conference ..... .32
Total sixth District $6.85

Seventh Episcopal District.
Bishop L. W. Kyles.

Missouri Conference 2.00
Indiana Conference 12.50
California Conference 1.00
Oregon Conference 2.25
Total seventh district $17.75

Eighth Episcopal District.
Bishop R. B. Bruce.

South Carolina Conference ...$5.00
Total Eighth District 5.00

Tenth Episcopal District.
Bishop W. L. Lee.

Tenth Episcopal District.
Bishop G. C. Clement.

Tennessee Conference .....$ 1.00
Kentucky Conference 11.45
Total tenth district $12.45

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS.

Cash and Receipts.

First, ...$135.15
Second, Bishop G. W. Clinton 148.75
Third, Bishop J. W. Alstork Convocation, ... 203.73
Fourth, Bishop J. S Caldwell, Banner, ... 285.70
Fifth, Bishop G. L. Blackwell 148.93
Sixth, Bishop A. J. Warner .. 6.82
Seventh. Bishop L. W. Kyles 17.75
Eighth, Bishop R. B. Bruce 5.00
Ninth, Bishop L. W. Lee .....
Tenth, Bishop G. C. Clement 12.45
Total by districts $964.28

Miscellaneous.

Mrs. M. E. Harris, Interest money to R. F. .....$ 30.00
Miss Victoria Richardson, sale of literature 25.00
Convocation at Knoxville Tenn 548.49
By districts $964.28
Miscellaneous $603.49
Total $1567.77

Summary.

Y W. H. & F. M. S. $184.67
Knoxville Convocation 35.28
Birmingham Convocation .. 27.60
W. H., Total $1120.65
W. H. & F. M. S. $541.57
Knoxville Convocation 432.68
Birmingham Convocation .. 146.40
Y. W. H. Total $249.65
Buds of Promise $89.31
Knoxville Convocation 80.55
Birmingham Convocation .. 29.73
Buds, Total $197.43
Grand total from all sources $1.567.77
Life members $138.16
Supply department 44.05
African Boy 3.25
Charity, African girl 25.00
Lelia, African girl 5.00
Reserve fund 30.00
Loan on literature 25.00
Paid to reserve fund $270.46

Life Members in Full.

March 7, Blanch Lantz, Myersdale, Pa.

March 7, Mrs. Martha Thornhill, Oakdale, Pa.

March 7, Mrs. J. A. C. Boyd, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

March 7 Mrs Minnie Murphy, Johnstown, Pa.

April 20, Mrs. Delilah Thomas, Chicago, Ill

April 28, Mrs Mary J. Adams, Washington, D. C.

April 28, Mrs. Mary Blackwell, Chicago, Ill.

April 28, Rev. W. A. Blackwell Chicago, Ill.

May 5, Mrs. Minerva Miller, Patterson, N. J.

May 5, Mrs. Charity Anderson Paterson, N. J.

DISBURSEMENTS.

March 7 1917:

Miss V. Richardson, 1000. Constitutions and general information .....$ 17.50
To Mrs. M L. Clinton, Literature 12.60
Rev. W. A. Dean, hymnals and express 8.00
Salary, Feb. and March, Mrs. A W. Blackwell 50.00
Salary, Feb. and March, Mrs. M. L. Clinton, ... 25.00
Salary. Feb. and March Mrs. Ida V. Smith 41.60
Salary, Feb. and March, Mrs. V. Richardson 25.00
Treasurer, postage, 131 letters 2 62
Special delivery stamp ..... .10
To reserve treasurer, supply 16.50
To reserve child education . 25.00
Life members 42.00
Total, ...$265.98

April 19, 1917:

Ledgers for 3 departments ..$ 8.70
Typewriter ribbon ..... .75
Ink and mucilage pens etc .. .45
Letters, 49 ..... .98
Extra postage ..... .18
Life members 47.81
Life members 7.60
African boys 3.28
Supply department 3.00
Paid back to reserve fund ... 25.00
Total, ...$97.72

May, 1917:

Salaries for April and May:
A. W. Blackwell ...
Mrs. M. L. Clinton 25.00
Mrs. Ida V. Smith 41.70
Miss V Richardson 25.00
Expenses of treasurer, P. O. money order ..... .44
Stamps ..... .90
Writing tablet, post cards .... .15
Paid to reserve fund, life members 40.75
Supply department 24.55
African girl 3.00
Interest money 30.00
Total, ...$243.49

Cash:

March, 1917 .....$265.98
April 97.72
May 243.49

Convocation. 224.13
Total, ...$831.32
Receipts Convocation .....$ 3.05
Receipts Convocation $76.75
Total, ...$79.80

Disbursements, Fourth Quarter.

March, ...$265.98
April 97.72
May 243.49
Convocation Knoxville:
By cash $224.13
Receipts, ... 3.05
Total, ...$227.18
Convocation, Birmingham:
Receipt $76.75
Cash $831.32
Receipts 79.80
Total, ...$911.12
Total receipts $1567.77
Total Disbursements 911.12
Balance, ...$656.65
On hand beginning 4th quarter .22
$656.87
Paid to Dr. J. W. Wood for Foreign Missions $656.87
No balance.

THE BUDS OF PROMISE DEPARTMENT.

The Children's Song.

Father in heaven, who lovest all
O help thy children when they call
That they may build from age to age
And undefiled heritage.

Teach us to rule ourselves always,
Controlled and cleanly night and day,
That we may bring if need arise
No maimed or worthless sacrifice.

Teach us to look, in all our ends,
On thee for judge and not our friends,
That we with thee may walk uncowed,
By fear or favor of the crowd.
Teach us the strength that cannot seek,
By deed or thought to hurt the weak
That under thee we may possess
Man's strength to comfort man's distress.

Teach us delight in simple things.
And mirth that has no bitter springs
Forgiveness free of evil done,
And love to all men neath the sun!

—Rudyard Kipling.

My Dear Sister:-

We have arranged to hold our second convocation for this District at Franklin, Va., October 26-29. We want to make this meeting surpass the Goldsboro meeting in attend- and finance. We will have Mrs. Henrietta Peters, our missionary, present, to bring us inform- and inspiration.

$1000.00 Our Slogan.

There are five conferences in this district, and some of the best missionary workers of the church belong. If every member and friend will just contribute a small amount, we can easily raise **One Thousand Dollars.** We can nd must.

We have printed thousands of hearts (25c. per 100), with the motto "Have a heart for foreign missions," which is very attractive. The wording is so appealing that very few persons fail to take one, and give five or ten cents for the cause, many giving 25 and 50 cents, and a few have given $1.00, just according to their interest and love in and for the work.

These hearts are distributed among the members and friends, and by them offered to everybody in the community. After a two-weeks' campaign for disposing of them, have a public meeting and call it Heart Day, if it is Sunday, or a Heart Social if during the week. Have all songs, recitations, addresses or sermon deal with the heart problems, functions and impulses.

A splendid plan for spreading this campaign is to give each member or friend ten hearts, and the one reporting the largest amount from them receives a badge. I will furnish a purple badge with the photograph of Mrs. Peters attached, to be given to the person reporting the largest amount over $1.00 from ten hearts, if the president will furnish me the name. These hearts are taken by everybody, saint and sinner, white or black. Try them. We are sending you 100 for you to begin with in your society. Order more as you need them.

Class Badges.

The class badges will be used in this Convocation—$20, Class A; $15, Class B; $10, Class C; $5, Class D. If you will push the campaign with the hearts to the limit, fifty women can easily report in Class A. Will you make an extraordinary effort to get in class A? Urge your women to dispose of the hearts.

Banner.

The banner was awarded last year to the Goldsboro District, Dr. J. H. Moseley, P. E., and Mrs. Lizzie Brock, Mrs. S. A. Cook, Mrs. Sara Oliver, district officers, who will get it this year. It may be they will take it again. The district reporting the largest amount of money will receive it.

The success of this meeting depends on your activity, loyalty, zeal, faith and your attendance. Will you be present? Let nothing keep you away. Remember, Mrs Peters will be present with exhibits from Africa and the work of her missions. If you miss hearing her and seeing them you will regret it all your life. She will also bring the little African Princess, who will take part in the program.

Let me know at once if you will be there, as I am now making up the program.

Pray for the spiritual and financial success of this meeting. With best wishes, I am yours in His name

Annie W. Blackwell,

P. S.—If you are not now the president of your society, please pass this letter to present incumbent.

MY WORLD TASK.

By F. E. Whiteside.

(Clipped from Pacific Christian Advocate.)

What is my share of the world task of carrying the Gospel to the nations?

I can pray for the work.

As I pray for myself and my friends and for our needs, I can include a petition for the world task. I can pray for the missionaries of a continent, or a country or a city. This is the least that I can do; but in some respects it is the greatest thing I can do, if it be done right.

I cannot pray without learning.

If I am in earnest in my praying I must soon face questions about the fields for which I pray. What is being done there? What might be done there? What are the urgent needs? I cannot continually and thoughtfully ask God's blessing upon Africa without wishing to know something about Africa. I cannot continue to pray for any specific place without coming to a recognition of my need of information about that place. So, if I pray I must learn.

I cannot pray without giving.

Every honest prayer brings the desire to help answer it. If I know the needs of the place, I cannot

well ask God to meet those needs without facing the question as to how much I am doing to help meet them. So, I cannot pray intelligently without wishing to give. I may not have much to give, but the smallest gift from a willing heart will be sanctified.

I cannot pray without preaching.

I may never preach from a pulpit; I may never make a public address but I must tell the story. I cannot pray long without having the task take a alrge place in our thinking. This interest crowds others out until it becomes supreme. I must think of it and I must talk it and tell others and try to enlist them in the same service. And so, through my praying and learning and giving and telling, I myself become a missionary.

I cannot pray without going.

remain closed, I can still go. As I pray, I go in spirit to touch the field

If God wants me to go in person He will open the way. If the door with power. As I study, I go in thought to dwell among the people and learn to love them. As I give, I go in actual labor, made possible by my gifts. As I tell I may go, through the lives of other people in the same processes of praying, learning, giving and telling. This is my share of the world task.

MISSIONARY CONVOCATION AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., A GLOWING SUCCESS.

On Thursday morning, Aug. 2, 1917, a representattive body of A. M. E. Zion Missionary women gathered in the auditorium of that historical Jones' Tabernacle, where they were greeted and cordially received by Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Davis and the good members of the above named church. There were Missionary women from New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Kentucky and a host of Indiana women The opening session was formal with a soul-stirring sermon by our Missionary Secretary, the Rev. J. W. Wood, D. D., after which holy communion was administered. The organization for the Convocation was in order and the following persons selected. Owing to the absence of Mrs. L. W. Kyles, (due to illness) the General President, Mrs. Florence Randolph of Jersey City, N. J., presided. Mrs. L. B. Evans Pierce, Louisville, Ky., was elected Secretary. The following Committees were chosen by the women:

Rules: Mrs. S. D. Davis, Chm., Indianaplois, Ind.; Mrs. A. L. Harris, Pittsburg, Pa.; Miss Frankie L. Wallace, Louisville, Ky.

Finance. Miss Laura Chambers, Chm., Indianapolis,; Mrs. J. W. Brown, New York City; Mrs. Bledsoe, St. Louis, Mo.

Courtesies: Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, Chm.; Mrs. Lydia Brookens, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Douglas.

Credentials: Mrs. A. L. Anderson; Miss Katie Harrison, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Belle Streets, Indianapolis.

Resolutions: Mrs. Lena Harris, Pittsburg, Chm..

Reporter to "Star" and "Seer," Miss Frankie L. Wallace, Low, Ky.

Associates: Mrs. S. D. Davis, Indianapolis; Mrs. M. E. Williams, Indianapolis.

The General Missionary Officers were all present and held the reins in hand.

The Convocation had the following "stars" shining brightly: Mrs. Florence Randolph, Gen. Pres Mrs. M. E. Washington, Gen, Vice-President; Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. L. B. Pierce, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ida V. Smith, our loyal Treasurer; Mrs. G. W. Clinton, Gen. Supt of Buds, Miss Victoria Richardson, Secretary of the Young Women. Mrs. Geo. C. Clement, Pres. 10th Episcopal District; Mrs. J. W. Brown, Supply Department, Mrs. Henrietta Peters our returned Missionary, and her co-laborer, Miss Lillian Tshabalala, native African.

Among the many good things given to the women, was the pleasing address by our General President the Rev. Florence Randolph. Her subject, "Keep On the Optimistic Side," was well chosen and carefully treated. Indeed our Missionary workers will ever remember her admonition. "Be strong." This address proved to be the literary treat of the first day. On Thursday night, the local women of Indianapolis from all walks of life came out, and in a most scholarly way extended a thrilling and cordial welcome. Friday was a day of real hard work as the women from the three departments were making glorious reports. The Pittsburg Women came up with "women" and with "finance," setting the pace, as heretofore. But when all reports were in and all moneys counted that had been sent the General Treasurer for the entire year, our President, Rev. Florence Randolph and the New Jersey District took off the laurels. Cheers! Cheers!! Many cheers for a leader that does not sit quietly all year long and expect the women down in the trenches to do all the work and come up with money and reports, to "Crown her with laurels." The query-box, was in use. It proved to be quite helpful in unravelling some of the knotty problems of our Missionary career. Mrs. J. W. Brown Supt. of Supply Dept. is the "right woman" in the "right place." She presented her cause in a touching and masterly way and impressed upon the hearts of the Missionary women, the urgent need of immediate supplies for our "foreign field." Report, fine. Too much can not be said about the young women who are rallying around Miss V. Richardson. Their program was one of the best of the Convocation. They believe in giving flowers to the living. That was the spirit that prompted Mrs. Gertrude Johnson and her followers to present Miss Victoria Richardson with that beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Those present will ever remember the glorious reports brought in by the following young women: Miss Katie V. Harrison, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, Mrs. Lydia Brookens, Mrs. Jennie Dobbins, Miss Laura Chambers and Miss Frankie L. Wallace, Mrs. Weeden of Louisville, led Kentucky Conference. The second day was blessed with the presence and kindly advice of two Bishops, viz. Bishop L. W. Kyles, Presiding Bishop of Indiana, and Bishop Geo. C. Clement of Kentucky. They were greeted with loud applause by loyal Zionites. Saturday was "Tag Day" and the women scattered over the streets of Indianapolis to raise money for the cause of missions. $48.00 were raised.

Sunday was a big day in Zion, and Bishop L. W. Kyles preached a "long to be remembered sermon," at 11 a.m.

The women held a notable platform meeting in the afternoon.

Total monies raised while in Indianapolis, $925.00. Mrs. M. E. Washington had a call meeting of the Life Members and it was found that they had money in the Treas-

BUDS OF PROMISE.

ury and desired to work for Zion. Mrs. S. D. Davis is the efficient Secretary.

Resolutions were read thanking the good people of Jones' Tabernacle and community for their unstinted hospitality. The open doors of the many friends, our gratitude to Madam C. J. Walker and Miss Alice Kelly for the "Auto-sight seeing party." Many thanks to the papers that published our proceedings. Thus the convocation closed at Indianapolis Sunday night, Aug. 5 th re-convene at 9 A. M., Monday, Aug. 6, 1917, in Chicago' Ill.

Monday morning found most of the Missionary women at Walters' A. M. E. Zion Church filled with grateful hearts and hopeful minds for continued success. They were again gladly recieved by Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Blackwell and his loyal zion women.

Executive Session, followed by consecration service, organization. Mrs. Randolph, Presiding. "Symposium:" Convocations and their Educational Value to the Missionary Work of the Church.

(a) Lessons from Alabama Convocation, Mrs. J. W. Alstork, Mrs. Daisy Johnson.

(b) Georgia Convocation, Mrs. R. B. Bruce.

(c) Knoxville Convocation, Mrs. G. C. Clemennt.

(d) Indianapolis. Missionary Women.

Monday night was a night of welcomes, coming from the talented folks of Chicago, Ill. Words fail to express the grace with which they were delivered. After so many extended welcomes, one at once began to feel at home. Tuesday's work was begun with the President's "Quiet Hour" The Missionary women of Chicago were all alive and alert with the real Missionary Spirit.

Many compliments and much gratitude to the local Missionaries of Walter's Chapel for the "Automobile Party" given which enabled us to see Chicago.

And can we dare forget that loyal young Zionite, Miss Lillian I. Browder that gave the Trolley ride? We also have pleasant memories of the good things Miss Browder furnished us at high breakfast.

The closing day was full with business and reports. Our efforts were crowned with success. Our reports were supplemented and the Convocation closed with $1008.45 in hand with reports of other financial forth-coming.

Praise God for such a glorious financial success, attended by the spirit of sisterly kindness. The spirit of the Lord abideth ever with us.

Thus our meeting closed a "glowing success," with thanks to the loyal Zionites and liberal hearts all over our country that helped make this grand success.

Your humble servant,
Miss Frankie L. Wallace.
Reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Williams of Paterson, N. J., the newlyweds; Mrs. Lucy Flannigan, Miss Sarah Waterford and Master Uuqhardt of Paterson, N. J., and Bishop Geo. W. Clinton of North Carolina, are spending their vacation at the Laster Cottage, Spring Lake, N. J.

On Sunday evening Rev. C. C. Williams preached at St. John's M. E. church. The edifice was filled to its capacity and all present were inspired by the wonderful sermon. Rev. Williams is at present, the pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church at Paterson and has done a very great work there which will live forever as a monument to his efforts.

Miss Jennie Ora, the accomplished daughter of Rev. A. R. Jackson and wife, was united in marriage to Mr. LeRoy Richardson, at six p. m. Wednesday, September 19, 1917, at 160 Ridge Ave., their home, Asbury Park, N. J. The marriage has much distinction, the parties being well known and highly qualified in educational acquisitions and social standing. Rev. and Mrs. Jackson are long standing and faithful members of the A. M. E. Zion church ministry and membership and of popular repute. The reception of the happy couple was held at Cornelian Terrace, Asbury Park. They will be at home Sept. 30, from three to five p. m., Eatontown, N. J.

Long life, peace, happiness and prosperity to this distinguished couple.

Rev. C. Z. Gaines is the pastor of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Gary, Ind., He was united in happy wedlock to Miss Jennie Bradley of Augusta, Ga., Aug. 30, 1917 in Gary, Ind. The Mayor with scores of other white citizens and nearly all of the city's colored population turned out to the wedding. The presents were many, valuable and handsome. The wedding took place in the A. M. E. Zion church, which was literally packed. The communinty is proud of Rev. Gaines and his church is well organized He has a handsom bride who is quite well educated and who is more than likely to commend herself to the people as a ministers wife. Rev. Gaines' mother, sister and her husband from Montgomery, Ala., attended the wedding. They will take up their residence at 5440 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

It was decided at the last meeting of the Executive Board of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the A. M. E. Zion church that at the end of each quarter the Treasurer's entire report should be published in the Missionary Seer and in connection with that issue a Bulletin shall be published which will contain interesting and helpful news concerning the departments, edited by the Secretaries of the three departments. The October number of the Missionary Seer will introduce the new combination to each one of the readers young and old. We shall all look forward now to the months ahead as we shall learn and talk about all of God's wonderful children in our own beautiful land and the lands across the sea. The Editor of the Buds department does not wish to do all the talking, but desires that you shall answer by writing briefly and telling how you like the Missionary Bulletin; and most of all, just what you are doing in your societies to help Jesus win this world. children to himself. Let everybody work to get subscribers to the Missionary Seer and Bulletin. Get every boy and girl in your society and Sunday School to read it. You can help best to spread the good news of Jesus over the world by getting the people of the church to know how much the world needs to know about this news. The Woman's Mission Board wishes that a special effort be made to increase the circulation of the Seer and Bulletin. In accordance with this we would suggest that we set apart the months of October, November and December, for a subscription campaign. No Junior Missionary society, no Sunday School and no family in the church can afford to be without this bright, interesting Missionary paper.

The Buds of Promise department is growing bigger and better every year. Ninety-seven new societies were organized during the past year so that we were kept busy writing, giving information concerning the work of the society and filling orders for literature and badges. We truly hope these new societies will live, grow stronger and do as wonderful work for the mission cause as the old societies are doing. Wonderful possibilities are wrapped up in the child's life and they are wise who, realizing this, endeavor to early apprehend these possibilities and develop them along right lines. The Buds of promise society offers splendid opportunities for this kind of work, and if we foster and direct, bringing it to the fire of enthusiasm and the passion of consecration by the help of God, what it shall accomplish will exceed our wildest expectation.

It affords the pastor a starting point for a junior congregation and a center from which to operate all lines of helpful work for the children of his charge. A wise pastor would recognize this and take advantage of it. He woull realize that by so doing he is not only building the church, but is also training the workers of tomorrow. A farmer was once asked how he came to have such a fine flock of sheep and his answer was "I take care of the lambs." Thoughtful care and training of the children will ultimately mean a fine church. The churches are becoming more and more alive to the value of the children in the kingdom and the necessity of caring for them in a religious sense as never before. Everywhere we see signs that they are stirred by a noble concern for the welfare of the child.

The Buds have raised one thousand and sixty ($1060.99) dollars and ninety-nine cents during the past year and we are happy over the success. Let us begin now to do our level best this year, with this aim, "A Buds of Promise Society in every church and every child a member."

Motto. Blooming all for Jesus.

Color: Green and white.

Emblem: The Rose Bud.

Watchword: Grow.

And he took a child and set him in the midst of them. (Mark 9:36.

The Buds Special Rally Day.

We have decided with the permission of the Executive Board of the W. H. and F. M. Society, to start a special rally day for the Buds of Promise department. July will be our rally month when each Buds of Promise Society will render a play. For this year we will render the beautiful Missionary play, "Children of all Lands," in costume. Full instructions will be given later, concerning the play.

Bible lesson for Oct. "Your Young Men who Chose the Right. (Dan. 1.)

THE STORY.

(Selected)

Once upon a time four Jewish boys, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, were made captives by the great King Nebuchadnezzar and were carried to the beautiful city of Babylon to live. When the boys arrived, the king ordered them to be sent to the palace school to be educated in his language, so that they might serve and wait upon him, and every day they were given a portion of the dainties and the wine from the King's table. Now, these boys were about twelve years of age, quite old enough to remember the teachings of their homes about such rich foods and strong drink. So together they decided not to eat the King's meat, but to choose what would help them grow strong and make fine men.

The next day Daniel asked the steward if they might not have fruit and vegetables to eat and water to

drink. The steward was afraid to disobey the King's orders at first, but finally he promised to try them ten days on a simple diet. At the end of this time, Daniel and his companions appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the boys in the school.

Now let us see how such simple living affected their minds. Verse 17 says: "Now as for these youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom." So that at the end of three years, when "King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the boys to examine them, he found them fair to the eye and worthy of places of trust in the palace and throughout the kingdom."

Suggestions to Superintendent.

Review the lesson and the story of the three boys who were promoted because they chose the right when it was not easy. Ask some boy to look up and report the requirements of diet, etc., of an athlete in training. Why can he not smoke? Why not drink tea, coffee and liquors? What are the results of such regular hours and simple living upon the body?

Show, in the end, how intemperance is a far broader term than is usually understood and how it applies to eating and to all excesses in living. It is not always with meat and drink that God's children are tempted, and we have the choice of the good and evil every day.

BUD'S BRIEFS.

The Buds of the Allegheny District under the Superintendency of Mrs. Lena Harris, raised $50.20, for the Indianapolis Convocation. This district received the Convocation Prize Banner, the three departments having raised the largest amount of all the districts. We regret very much to lose Mrs. Harris as Supt. of that district for she was an ideal Supt.

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Mrs. Alice McGowan is the energetic Supt. of the Indiana District which raised $26.00 for the Convocation. The Bud's Society rendered a very interesting program one night during the Convocation which was enjoyed by all who heard it. Mrs. McGowan is a splendid worker and her sister, Mrs. Shockley, delights to help her.

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Mrs. Lydia Brookins is the very dependable Supt. of the Louisville District and has done good work for the little while she has had charge of the district. Her district reported $20.00 at the Convocation.

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Mesdames Amanda Muirs, Sadie R. Folk, T. H. Merriweather and others were among the other district Superintendents of the Kentucky Conference who made good reports also, to the Convocation.

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Mrs. Fannie House, Swan Lake, Miss., is the wide awake Supt, of th Coffeeville District. She has been Supt less than six months but sent $7.00 to the Council and has purchased $3.00 worth of literature for her district.

Miss Arrie B. Simmons, Fayetteville, N. C., is the busy Supt of the Carthage District and she is working hard to make the district second to none in the connection.

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Mrs. Sarah L. Oliver, the faithful Supt., of the Goldsboro District writes that she is hoping to have a Buds of Promise Society in every church with every child a member by conference time. She always sends for large orders of literature and never fails to pay for them.

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The Statesville District with Mrs. Peterson, Secretary and Mrs. Sarah Parker Clement, Superintendent has just closed a very successful Annual Convention. All the missionary workers together with the pastors of the district pledged themselves to work up the district thoroughly or the equal of any other by the time of the next meeting.

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Mrs. Mattie Watson, New Supt of Pa., writes that she has 78 members and that she brought back the District Banner to them from the last missionary meeting. Congratulations We hope you will keep the banner Sister Watson.

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The District Supts. are urgently requested to send the names and addresses of their local Supts. and all reports at the rise of each Quarterly mass meeting and Convention.

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Miss L. A. DeBerry, Supt, Greensboro District has just closed a very interesting and profitable Convention.

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Mrs. Hattie R. Henderson, Supt. of Asheville District sent $10.50 to the Council for her District. Sister Henderson is one of our most faithful Supts.

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Mesdames M. L. Denny and Bettie E. Hamilton are the Supts. of the Hendersonville District. They are working faithfully and say they will make their largest report at the Annual Conference.

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A Glimpse of the Bright Stars.

Rev. G. H. Miles, D. D., of Wakefield, Va., writes: Dear Editor.—We are sailing in smooth waters. We are moving on nicely at Mt. Hope. We have succeeded in placing this charge among the best in this Conference. We stand second to Oak St. Petersburg, Va. During the past nine months we raised $1,364.81." This is indeed a splendid showing for a Rural District church. Accept our congratulations.

Rev. F. A. Pinanko, Gold Coast Colony, West Africa, writes. My Dear Dr. Wood: I read your very interesting article, both in the Star and Missionary Seer. I trust you will be guided by the Almighty to do all in your power for the Foreign Work, as the late and much lamented Bishop Walters in his last wish, desired you.

Rev. R. E. Peters, Quittah, West Gold Coast Colony, writes: "Rev. J. W. Wood, D. D., I am more than pleased to be able to say that on May 20th, assisted by the King of the District, I laid the Corner Stone of a new church-school in Agbosome This is a station which promises good and lasting results. To this date all Stations are prosperous.

Rev. W. A. Deane of South America informs the Seer that his work is prosperous. He needs building material to complete the Alstork Temple. Those who have pledged to help Bro. Deane, will please send their donations to us, 1231 Cornell Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Don't fail to pay your pledge to a suffering Missionary and the Lord will bless you.

Brother Pastor: Will you help this poor African Missionary? He needs the following books:

Here is his letter:

Dear Sir:—Please, please, can you get for me some books. I am doing all I can to educate myself for the ministry. I am told by Bro. P. D. Ofosur of the Tafo District that you would help me. I am a preacher in the A. M. E. Zion Mission at Kora-Kang, Koforidua. I am anxious for the following books: 1 book, Benney's Theological Compendium, 1 Preparation and Delivery of Sermons by Jno. D. Br adus, 1 The Principle of Rhetoric, by Sherman, 1, the Intercourse of the Holy Spirit. We would be glad to receive of the above named books for this good book? Address, the Seer, 1231 Cornell Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. B. J. Bridges deserves commendation for the splendid work that he is doing in Macon, Ga. He has charge of the Georgia Colored Industrial and Orphans Home. He has been very successful with this institution and he deserves the commendation of the Negro race for the great good that he is doing for suffering and unfortunate humanity.

Walter's A. M. E. Zion Mission saw the light of day in a rented cottage also at Anna Catharina West Coast on 8th Otcober, 1911, owing to the upset of settled arrangements and stipulations. The then disappointed and newly ordained pastor with remarkable faith and energy took the "World" as his parish after a reiterated "call" from more or less sixteen male and female members. The masses of the people, sugar estate managers overseers and others of all the other races notably the Hons' P. N. Browne, Sherlock, Wieting, the late George Garnett, and Wm. Whyte, Dr. Wise, R. G Brassington and Sir Walter Egerton, K. C. M. G., Sir C. T. Cox, Captain Daley, Mrs. Funghee Fung and Messrs Boodhoo, Smith Bros & Co., Hack and Flood the Foreign Mission Board and the Foreign Missionary Women of Washington, D. C., and York, Pa., specially contributed beneficiently and regularly to the cause on the 12th of February 1912. On the 25th of February of the same year Mr. E. A. Abraham, solicitor, now F. R., laid the corner stone and on the 4th of August 1912, Walters A. M. E. Zion Church Building was completed and dedicated to the honour and glory of God. It was named after the then Bishop of the Demerara Conference the late sainted Bishop Walters.

There are now two active Missions to the church at Uitvlugt. Alstork's and at Wakenaam "Beulah."

THEIR CRIME IS BEYOND EXCUSE.

(Editorial in the Detroit Free Press, August 25th, 1917.)

It is a matter for surprise and real sorrow that the regiment which created a reign of terror at Houston, Thursday night, should have been Twenty-fourth U. S. Infantry. When the Twerty-fifth broke loose and shot up Brownsville in 1906, no one was very much surprised, for that particular organization of colored men has never enjoyed a good reputation; but the twenty-fourth has been a regiment to be proud of. It made a splendid name for itself in the Spanish war and has generally been regarded as a credit to the Negro people because of its exemplary conduct.

But past reputation does not affect the situation as it stands today. Nothing affects the situation except the outstanding fact that one of the worst offenses known to military law has been committed. It was mutiny that was done at Camp Logan, and mutiny now that the nation is actually in a state of war cannot be extenuated or condoned. Its conse-

quences are far too grave for leniency. No antecedent incidents or conditions can be accepted as pleas for pardoning it.

The business of assembling a great army, especially in a people unused to the circumstances of warfare, inevitably entails much injustice and many personal grievances. Our soldiers must expect them and make the best of them. Those that are susceptible of correction should be corrected by lawful means; but those that cannot be cured must be endured. It is the inexorable rule of war; it governs white and black alike.

There must be no temporizing or dillydallying with the offenders at Camp Logan. They should be apprehended, tried by courtmartial and subjected to the punishment ordained by military law which they have incurred. No excuses can be accepted. Their offense is beyond excuse.

SNAP JUDGMENT NOT WARRANTED.

(Reprint from the Detroit Free Press, August 27, 1917.)

To the Editor of the Free Press:

The drastic tone of your editorial in today's Free Press, anent the recent disturbance in Houston, Texas, was a painful surprise to me, being quite in contrast with the usual temperate character of your utterances. There are so many currents and counter-currents of a disturbing nature in evidence that this is no time for hasty utterances. Public judgment should be suspended until all the material facts in the unfortunate and regrettable occurrence have been fully investigated and the result made known by the War Department.

When the Titanic disaster was reported, it was said that Mr. Andrew Carnegie laconically inquired, "What was she doing up there anyway?" having reference to the extreme northern course that the ship had taken. It is equally pertinent to inquire, why were the Negro troops sent to Texas anyway, particularly those of the regular army? Has the remembrance of the Brownsville affair entirely faded from public memory? Is it so soon forgotten that but a few days ago publicity was given to the report that Negro troops were in a clash with the authorities of Waco, Texas?

Two distinct incidents that occurred during the Spanish-American War are still fresh in my memory—the threat to dynamite a train load of Negro regulars by the dominant element of Texarkana, Ark, and the merciless assault made an a train load of Negro volunteers at Nashville, Tenn., while en route from Chattanooga to Cincinnati.

Dr. J. W. Carter, Pastor of our church at Jacksonville, Fla. reports the work in splendid condition. We hope for Dr. Carter and his good people every blessing and success.

Grovehill, Ala., Mrs. C. M. Pugh, says we are getting on splendidly well. I have grown stronger and am doing more for the church and the Missionary work than ever before. Our Missionary Society is doing fine and I hope that we will be able to do big things for Africa on Missionary Day. Every body should read the Missionary Seer. Its the best Missionary paper of the race.

Rev. G. Johnson McKay, D. D., is the bright star of Franklin, N. C. He seems to grow stronger each day. His people are delighted with him. successful pastor.

Dr. McKay is an able preacher and

Dr. L. A. Patrick, Pastor of our church at Henderson, Ky. is having phenomenal success. Dr. Patrick is an able speaker, great pulpiteer and pastor. We note with pleasure the great success that attends the labors of Drs. W. J. Walls, .H T. Medford, C. N. Payne, J. W. Martin, J. E. McCorkle, R. J. Buckner, T. O. Stoner, T. H. Merriwether, R. B. Hendricks, H. C. Welden, C. C. Marks, C. H. Warders, R. L. Cherry, W. W. Dorsey, C. H. Leftwich, G. H. Gough, I. W. Selectman, W. H. Chambers and others of Kentucky.

$100.00 from the Kentucky and West Kentucky Conferences for our Departments. Bishop Clements is an able Executive and parliamentarian. He knows how to do things. His Conferences are well balanced, and he presides with ease, dignity and grace We are proud of him.

Rev. Wm. Lyons, D. D., Connecectady, N. Y., is having phenomenal success. Rev. Washington is an able young man and is calculated to do well. He has a brilliant future before him.

Rev Wm. Lyans, D. D., Conventional Evangelist, writes: Dear Dr. Wood, let these few words appear in the Seer. What about the Western Star? What about articles sent to the Star of Zion that you don't ever see again? Big preachers and big folks can get a hearing but Lord have mercy on the other fellow. Its a shame to pay men to neglect their duty. All of we poor little fellows should be heard every once in a while.

We are certain that there is no disposition upon the part of the Star or the Western Star of Zion to be discourteous to their many correspondents. Each must await his turn See! That's all.

The Sunday Schools and Varick C. E. Societies are called upon to render special Missionary Program Sunday, Dec. 23rd. The 4th Sunday in December is designated the 4th Quarter. Prof. J. W. Eichelberger, Jr., is calling upon every Sunday School throughout the connection to hold Special Services in the interest of Foreign Missions. The programs will be printed in the December issue of the Seer and the Star of Zion. Prof. Aaron Brown, President of the V. C. E. Societies is asking that every Varick C. E Society celebrate the same service on the same date. Programs will be printed in our church papers. All money riased is to be sent direct to Dr. J. W. Wood, Secretary of Foreign Missions, 1231 Cornell Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

THINGS PICKED UP WHILE BUSY HERE AND THERE.

By Rev. JJ. H. Branner, D. D.

In our four week's rally which closed the second Sunday in September, five clubs reported the following amounts:

Club No 1, Captain, Mrs. J. E. Williams, $56.50.

Club No. 2, Captain, Mrs. M. J. Green, $31.58.

Club No. 3, Mrs. M. J. Branner, $57.01.

Club No. 4, Captain, Mrs E. Richardson, $8.06

Club No ", Captain, Mrs. Essie Taylor, $63.50.

Buds of Promise, $1.00; Total, $217.65.

We have a splendid set of men and women in our church in Hendersonville, who are ever loyal to the support of the local and general interest of our Zion.

The great A. M E. Zion Church

is growing and spreading her borders as never befor

She is producing some very excellent pulpit material and her pew is advancing intellecutally, morally and materially and also is reaching a higher spiritual realm.

The Bishops of our church, honor and respect the men over whom they preside so much so until one can hardly have a choice as to which one he would rather serve under We often hear this saying; "They are all our Bishops and they are all honorable Christian gentleman and will treat you like a man, and I would serve under one just as well as under another."

Indeed, we have many reasons to be proud of our Bishops and of the great work they are doing to advance the cause of the church.

It is hoped that all our connectional schools will open this year under more favorable conditions than ever before, and that every Conference will raise its assessment for both general and local education and that our pastors will encourage their members to send their children to some one of our schools. Every conference in Zion should send a young man to Hood's Theological Seminary to be educated for the Ministry.

Hendersonville, N. C.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF PINE BLUFF DISTRICT HELD

AT DERMOTT, ARK.,

By Mrs. Sallie S. Moores.

This was the greatest Convention of its kind ever held in the District. Most every church was represented. Dr. R. B. Macon, Pastor of Cherry St. A. M. E. Zion Church preached our Missionary sermon, assisted by Dr. Davenport, of Warren Ark. We felt highly honored to have these two distinguished divines in our midst. On Friday night, Rev. Draper of Monticello and Rev. E. D. Blackwell of Grady were among our visiting ministers. We were also glad to have with us, Sister C. C. Shumaker of Grady, one of our past District Presidents who has spent part of life in the Mission work of P. B. District. after a few months of toils and trouble she is able once more to meet us in our District work.

Our meeting was a spiritual one, every body seemed to have been filled with the Holy Ghost. Saturday morning we had a real soul stirring prayer meeting conducted by the Rev. Draper, after which the District President, Sister Ida A. Snow called for the roll. The following members answered to roll call and paid their personal dues: Sallie S. Moores F. A. Bullard, S. A. Gleton, M. Meeks, Clemnie Jones, Sister R. L. Wright, Lona Randall, M. V. Coleman, L. Hall, C. C. Shumaker, J. D. Brown, B Lasson, S. E. Davis, J. W. Draper, B. J. Johnson and Rev. J. S. Draper, who was not present, but sent his personal tax 2,5c also the Rev. Holley, pastor of the church where our Convention was held, paid his taxation.

We are glad to have received Missionary money from the following churches—of course you could only expect Cherry St., in Pine Bluff to lead, with Sister Sallie S. Moores as its president and R. B. Macon, Pastor who were assessed $5.00 and reported:

Cherry St.	$6.00
Laston Chapel	$5.00
St. James	[illegible]
Warren	5 00
Mt. Pisgah, Winchester	2.00
Blackwell Chapel	[illegible]
Deane	1.00
Monticello	2.00
Dermott	2.00
Total	$28.00

Sister L. A. Murphy, District Superintendent of Buds of Promise received from that Department $9.61, which speaks well for the Buds. Sister Mruphy is trying hard to work up this Department over the District. On Friday night we listened to the program of welcome. Collection $1.

Sunday morning, Sunday School was conducted by Rev. H. C. Holley. Class was reviewed by Rev. J. M. Draper. Collection $1.00. At 11:30 Rev. Holley, Pastor in charge made a few remarks regarding the disloyalty of his members. The hour for service having arrived and his congregation mostly composed of visitors. However we enjoyed our stay and tried to encourage him by singing, "Be not Dismayed, What e'er Betide, God Will take Care of You." Rev. Holley is in a great struggle and needs both prayer and means, for we are aware of the fact that it takes money to go now.

At 12:30, Rev. Blackwell lined hymn No. 1, "Oh for a Closer Walk With God, etc," Prayer by Rev. Johnson. Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," etc. Rev. Draper preached from the scripture lesson. Read the 23rd Psalm. Rev. Draper preached a soul stirring sermon. We were glad to have him in our midst. The Finance Committee then came forward and raised a collection. The following persons paid 25 and 50 cents. Sallie S. Moores, Prof. Osby M. Meeks, L. Hall, B. Sumslum, L. A. Murphy, David Thomas, Josephus Johnson, M. B. Coleman, V. Ongler, W. Davis, A. B. Curtis, Clemmie Jones, Dr. Parker, W. G. Hunter Dan Holmes, E. D. Blackwell, H. Morgan, 50c, total collection $5.53. The Finance Committee made its report. Total amount raised for all purposes: $51.53.

Disbursements:

Rev. H. C. Holley	$2 40
To Secretary	2 00
For Prize	1 00
For printing	1 50
Donated to press	8 53
Turned over to Pres. of Buds of Promise	8 11
Balance on	$28 00

D. J. Adams, P E.
Ida A. Snow, Dist. Pres.
Sallie S. Moores, Dist. Sec.

IMMORTAL LOVE.

Immortal love, too high for my possessing—
Yet, lower than thee, where shall I find repose?
Long in my youth I sang the morning rose.
By earthly things the heavenly pattern guessing!
Long fared I on, beauty and love caressing,
And finding in my heart a place for those
Eternal fugitives; the golden close
Of evening folds me, still their sweetness blessing.

O happy we, the first-born heirs of nature.
For whom the Heavenly Sun delays his light!
He by the sweets of every mortal creature.
Tempers eternal beauty to our sight:
And by the glow upon love's earthly feature
Maketh the path of our departure bright.

An authority on Zoology, Ellen Vilvin, author of "From Jungle Zoo" says that there are only two absolutely dumb animals in the world. They are the Giraffe and the Kangaroo, and we add the man who failed on Missionary Day. Of course he has nothing to say.

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EDITORIALS

The man who will not do more than he is told to do is a slave.

We are given responsibilities in the proportion to our growth. Be a little man and your responsibilities will be small.

OUR DAILY KEY.

Just to be tender, just to be true,
Just to be glad the whole day thru
Just to be merciful, just to be mild
Just to be trustful as a little child;
Just to be gentle, kind and sweet,
Just to be helpful, with willing feet
Just to be cherry when things go wrong,
Just to drive sadness away with a song;
Whether the hour is dark or bright
Just to be loyal to God and right;
Just to believe that God knows best,
Just in His promises ever to rest;
Just to let love be our daily key;
That is God's will for you and me.

Tired and worn I lay me down to sleep and I dreamed of the resistless and crushnig power of scandal. of all the evil products of malice, this is the greatest and most dangerous. Scandal finds fertile soil in the human mind. Its innocent victims have no weapons against it. As long as men more willingly believe evil than good of their neighbors, it will continue to be a blasting force of harm among human beings.

It is easy to suspect. In our law Courts, we proceed on the theory that a man should be believed innocent till he is proved guilty. As a matter of fact, the majority of people believe him guilty till he proves himself innocent. The voice of scandal never lacks for an audience. Stand on the street corner and praise a man and a woman for their good deeds, and you will have but few hearers. Stand on the same corner and assail somebody. Make charges, insinuations and profane the good name of your neighbor and people will crowd to hear you..

Caesar's wife, we are told, was above suspicion. But Caesar's wife had a despot for a husband, and it was extremely dangerous for anybody to suspect her publicly.

Today Nobody is above suspicion. Nobody is beyond the reach of scandal. Nothing is easier than to put scandalous stories into circulation. Nothing is harder than to stop them. once they have been started on their devastating course.

Something in the human mind, some mysterious survival of the old days when greed and evil were dominant human traits, prompts men—women—to credit every scandal that comes to their ears.

It makes little difference who is the subject of such a story. The laborer, the professional man, the teacher ,the Elder and Bishop, even the kings of the earth and the Savior of the world shares a like fate before the onward sweeps of scandal. The man who has sought all of his life to live correctly and honestly has no armor against scandal. His right living is interpreted as hypocrisy. His honesty is looked upon as a cover for secretly practiced villainies. True love, true friendship, and real confidence are plants of slow growth. Men will eat at your table sleep in your bed, receive your unstinted hospitality and then go out and stand on the corner and slander you with lies.

We asked for $10,000 for our Foreign Mission Field. Did we get it? Why no, a thousand times no. We shall not give any comment until later. At any rate, we have had a larger support this year than last. We shall try it again the 4th Sunday in September 1918. We believe that we can raise $10,000 on our Missionary Anniversary. If every pastor in Zion Church will give the Foreign Missionary Department one big service and the entire collection, ten thousand dollars and more will be the results. We will try it again. Read the list of those who have reported. Some of the brethren gave every cent they raised at the afternoon service. Others did not. Oh, well, we all reap what we sow.

FRIENDS EXTEND MISSION WORK.

Speakers at Yearly Meeting Tell of Religious Advance in Foreign Lands

Edgar Hole, a missionary to Africa; Charles Tebbitts of California, superintendent of the American Board of Missions; Willis Beade of Richmond, Ind., field secretary. Ross Hadley of Richmond, assistant field secretary, and Milo Hinkle, former pastor of the East Main Street Church at Richmond, were speakers tonight before the Western Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Mr. Hole made the principal address and told of the missionary work now going on in Africa. He said many natives are being converted to religion and that since fifteen years ago the Yearly Meeting had sent three families and one single person to Africa to work as Missionary worker. Milo Hinkle of Richmond will leave within a few [illegible] to do missionary work in Jamaica.

The report on foreign missions showed a considerable gain in money raised during the year and pledged a larger sum for 1918. The report of the American Friends board of missions reviewed the work of the four mission fields. and made a strong appeal for money with which to carry on the work.

AN APPEAL.

From Rev. W. A. Deane Foreign Missionary, Demerara S. America.

To Dr. J. W. Wood, Foreign Missionary Secy. & Editor Missionary Secr.

My Dear Dr. Wood:-

Please publish in our Missionary Seer the following. We have started our enlargement of 26 feet to Walter's A. M. E. Zion Church, but can't buy corrugated zinc sheets here in Demreara, of 26 guage, owing to the extraordinary high war price. We beg our loyal Zionites who have promised me financial assistance within a year to make payment to Dr. J. W. Wood, Foreign Missionary Secretary, who will buy the zinc sheets in the United States of America and ship them to us in Demerara, S. America, to be immediately used. By the end of June 1917, at the latest, the skeleton extension and chancel will be completed by the carpenters and left open to the sun and rain and more needed extension for the accomodation of the people can't be used. Loyal zionites make a sacrifice and redeem and pay your promises to Dr Wood for the purchase of the materials for shipment. God bless you.

List of promises for Walter's A. M. E. Zion Church Extension of 26 feet including six feet chancel.

To be kindly collected by our Foreign Missionary Secretary, Dr. J. W. Wood and spent in the immediate purchase of zinc sheets of 26 guage and shipped for Walter's A. M. E. Zion church in Demerara British Guiena, S. America urgently

Rev. Dr. Logan Johnson, $5.00, Contce Zion Church, Washington, Mrs. Barbar Clark, $10.00, Contee Zion Church, Washington.

Dr. W. D. Battle, $5.00, Galbraith Zion Church.

Dr. J. Ed Mason, $5.00, Livingstonc College Secretary.

Dr. J. Callis (personal. $5.00, Me-

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SAFEGUARDING EVANGELISM.

W. E. Briderwolf.

To furnish more generally information concerning a matter about which many ministers are inquiring, there is here given to the readers of this paper a copy of the information which is furnished to the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council by the various denominational committees concerning the men who are doing the work of an evangelist.

Ministers and ministerial associations inquiring through the Commission for the services of an evangelist will be furnished with the information only of such men as bear the very highest commendation. Such are the men also who observe the standard of principles created by the Commission and pastors desiring assistance of the kind noted may write to the address given below and such service as it may be possible to render will be gladly and freely given.

This especially should be a year of evangelistic work. Never was there a greater need and never have hearts been better prepared for the message. Yet fewer evangelistic meetings will be held this year than for any one of the ten years just passed. It is true that the war has much to do with this fact, but to the careful student of the situation, it is also apparent that not a little reaction has been setting in because of certain features of present day evangelistic work with which the church cannot bring herself to sympathize. It was not alone to encourage evangelistic work but to elevate the standard of this work as well, that the Commission on Evangelism was organized and has been carrying on its work. A copy of the Information blank follows.

"To the Credential Committee of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

Dear Brethren:-

The Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America desire information concerning ....., who is a member, as we understand, of our denomination, and who feels bimself called to the work of an evangelist. Will your Committee so far as possible please answer the following questions and give to the Commission the following information?

1. Does he, so far as you know or can ascertain, give proper attention to his financial obligations?

2. Are his social relations, so far as you know, within the bounds of due propriety?

3. What education has he and where was he educated?

4. Has he ever been a pastor and if so, where and how long in each place?

5. Was his success as a pastor poor, fair, above the average; or exceptional?

6. Was his resignation in either instance entirely voluntary or was it suggested to him by the church he served?

7. How much experience has he had in evangelistic work, and how many years has been so engaged?

8. Have you written the pastors with whom he has recently worked, (if not, do so., and what is their estimate of him and his work?

9. What kind of work do you consider him best adapted to?

a. Individual church meeting.
b. Union meeting in small town.
c. Union meeting town of 5,000 population.
d. Union meeting in town of 10,000 to 30,000 population.
e. Union meeting in cities of 30,000 and up.

10. What is the largest meeting ever conducted by him?

a. Place.
b. Number of cooperating churches.
c. Number of decisions
(1) Professed conversions
(2) Reconsecrations.
(3) Children under 12 years of age.
d. Number of professed converts who were received in the church within two months after the close of the meeting.
e. Did the work seem thorough?
f. What was the general impression on the community?

11. Is his work in the after-service thorough and definite, or is it abbreviated and somewhat superficial?

12. If in your mind, there are any objectionable features in his work, state the most conspicuous one

13. Do you, upon the basis of the above information, and other information which you may have, recommend this brother as an evangelist worthy of recommendation to the ministers of our churches during evangelistic assistance?

The Commission on Evangelism, 402 Marquette Building, Chicago, Ill. Rev. F. D. Douglass, 2901 W. 11th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Y PARAGRAPHS.

By Miss Victoria Richardson, General Secretary.

The Ys are marching on and the report for the year made at Chicago proved it most conclusively—$1,058.98 for the foreign field.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of the District Secretaries and local workers. Let this be an incentive to paragraphs for they will meah nelp

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

greater efforts in the field for the Master.

Just before the convocation there was an urgent appeal made to the Y's. Each society was requested to send $5.00 to aid our suffering in Africa. Many answered the call, and responded at once. It was a beautiful spirit shown to the helpless, for Christ has said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. Continue to thus serve Him.

Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Davis of the Indianapolis Church entertained the Convocation, and spared no pains in making it the best ever held The largest amount yet raised at a Convocation w' given into the hands of Mrs. Ida V .Smith, our General Treasurer for the foreign field. It was a glorious meeting, and the program was carried out in full. It will be the duty of another to report this meeting in detail.

We would not forget how Mme. C. J. Walker, the great hair culturist, opened her factory for inspection and the delightful automobile drive she gave to the officers and members of the Convocation. She also entertained two of the officers as her special guests at her own home.

Spiritually and financially this meeting was a great succses. The proceeds as mentioned being more than a thousand dollars.

Read very carefully the following paragraphs for they will mean help and inspiration to your society and prove an uplift to the foreign field.

"Kanjundu," or "From Fear of the Enemy," is a beautiful African play, by Ellen L. Willcox. The following comment has been made by one who has presented it and was rewarded for his labors by abundant success.

"Kanjundu," or "From Fear of the Enemy," represents the conflict of Christianity with heathenism in Africa. A young lady uninterested in Missions is traveling in Africa, and after seeing the great need of workers, concludes to prepare herself and go out as a Missionary. The play is skillfully written and is sure to produce a deep impression. Daybreak in the Dark continent should be studied to secure a good back ground."

The writer of these paragraphs in a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board secured its consent to recommend this drama to the Y's and request that it be presented in the interest of the foreign field, and that the proceeds from the play be sent to the Gen. Treas. Mrs. Ida V. Smith after the expenses are deducted. For a copy of this play, address, Missionary Education Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and enclose 25 cents in stamps. Miss Lillian Tshab'ala our Missionary, carefully reviewed the play and pronounced it excellent and true to African life. Now give it a trial and be sure to write your Gen. Sec. of your success and your opinion of it.

Dr. W .A. Blackwell, entertained the Council most royally. There was much business to be transacted for the welfare of our great Church and in order to keep it from being too arduous, the Missionary Society gave a two hours automobile drive over the most interesting sections of Great Chicago. A delightful trolley ride was given by the trustees, to the splendid municipal pier. These beneficial outings increased our knowledge of the great western metropolis of which many had heard and read so much. The usual reception was tendered by the church that all might meet and exchange greetings.

Now let the Y workers all over the connection start anew and work more zealously than ever for missions. There is much for us to do at home and abroad, and you feel the importance of each. We plead for the foreign field especially, because unlike ourselves, our brothers and sisters there have not had light as have we, and this awful war is causing intense suffering and delaying our progress. They must be clothed and fed, and our Missionaries there must be aided. Zion's Y's will not be wanting in their duty toward the weak.

LORD, HERE AM I, SEND ME.

"O make me strong and staff and stay
And guide and guardian of the way
To Thee-ward I may bring each day
Some fainting soul.
Speak for I hear. Make pure in heart
Thy face to see; thy truth to impart.
In hut and hall, in church and mart
Lord, here am I.
I ask no heaven till earth be thine
Nor glory-crown, while work of mine
Remaineth here, When earth shall shine
Among the Stars.
Her sins wiped out her captives free
Her voice a music unto thee.
For crown. New work then give to me
Lord, here am I."

The girls' building at Livingstone College is now completed and is a thing of beauty. The Missionary Society pledged one thousand dollars to aid in its erection and the promised help has not all been paid. We are asking all of the societies—Women, Y's and Buds to help cancel this debt and thus relieve us of our obligation. Try to raise $5.00 and send to Mrs. Ida V. Smith as early as possible.

NOTES FROM FLORIDA.

By Rev. M. Rankins, D. D.

Rev. J. W. Wood. D D., Editor Missionary Seer:- The Florida Conference is composed of some of the best Pastors in the A. M. E. Zion church in spite of the exodus of our people to the North by the hundreds, leaving churches with from 2 to 6 members. These God called Ministers are holding on, getting a sal-

NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

ary of [illegible] to $23.00 per month Some are working hard to come up with their claims. Rev R. W. Houser, P. E., of Milton District and his men, Revs. Ballard, Parker, Simmons, Womble, Bell, Graves, Drs. Hall, Nelson are some of the hard worked men in this Conference.

These battle-scarred men are hard at work getting ready to meet our dear Father and Bishop, Rt. Rev. A. J. Warner, A. M., D. D., in Oct. Rev. H. Ha'l, D. D., is stationed at Big Zion A. M. E. Z. church. He and his good people are working as never before. With about 70 of his best members gone North. Rev. J. S. Nelson, D. D., at Houser's Chapel with 60 or 70 of his best members gone. All of his officers gone. a sick wife and old mother to see after, his health poor and little orphan boy, yet he has things well in hand. Rev. H. Bell at St. Mark, he has but one old man in his membership and a few sisters. He is working to meet the Bishop with a sweet smile. Rev. R. H. Simmons, A. B., at Mt. Moriah holding on his flock is here and there, North and West. Yet he and his good wife says we will stay till the Bishop comes and will make it if we can. Rev. J. A. Womble, Muscogee Circuit, where we had 80 members, now has 40. He is a young man single, therefore has stayed and will stay till the Conference in Oct. Pine Baren,, M. C. Davids Molino. All members gone. Quintette, 3 members. Roberts. 4. Olive, 5. Spring Hill 4. Millview 6. Warnerton, 3. So we have no members nor anyone to draw on. Our people are a'l in the North and West. Just what to do, we can't tell. However, we heartily concure with Bishop R. B. Bruce that the colored men, in leaving the south in large numbers are not doing the best thing for himself.

Dr. J. S. Nelson is working preparing for the Annual Conference for next month.

WALTER'S A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

Demerara, South America.

The Twenty-first quarterly Conference of Walter's A. M. E. Zion Church at Hague, W. Coast and Beulah Zion Church(Wakeuaam with Alstork's, Wood's, and Jehovah-Jireh's Missions, at Uetolugt and Windsor Forest and W. Berbice for October, December 1916, was held in Walter's Zion church at Hague on February 21st, 1917. The Rev. W. A. Deane, P. E., and Pastor presiding. Among those present were Misses Theodore Donne ly and Mrs. W. A. Deane and B. W. G. Deane.

Walters': Pastoral visits, 24; funerals, 5; sermons 40; full membership 18; Non members, 55.

Alstork's: Full members 8; decrease 1; non-members 45.

Beulah's: Full members 4; non-members, 25.

Jehovah-Jireh's: Full members 10; Non members 20.

Hood's: Membership none; non-members 30.

We get all the periodicals save Sunday School and V. C. E. Literature. Bethany (white) Publishing House, Pittsburgh, gives us some Bibles now and again.

General Receipts.

Walters': members weekly $3.40; morning and evening collection $2.72; non members $2.94; Sunday School, 1 cent; sacrament, 82c; Baptism, $1.96; Burial $1.60; unveiling and watch night collection $1.64; Entertainment 96c; Christmas, 71 cents; Day School, 34c; Harvest, $16.49; open air 55 cents; collected by programs 17c; collected by Parson $20.76; other receipts 30c; Captain Daley's grant $2.40; total $34.58.

Alstork's: members 68c; non-members $3.17; Congregational collection, $1.96; harvest $7.80; total $13.61.

Beulah: Harvest $1.00; total $1.00

Hood's: Congregational collection 57c; harvest, $8.01; Total $8.58.

Grand total receipts $51.77.

Expenditures.

Smith Bros. $2.00; old church Missionary Debt, $1.02; old house, rent, arrears 99c; support of Mission House, $50.22; Stationery, stamps, work, oil, wick, chimney and printing, $10.12; Sacrament, 9c; Poor of church, Red Cross and Charity, $1.99; Church Improvement $4.31 Pastor's travelling and personal expenses $5.04; Bro Glasgows, 82c; profumes 55c; Sister Deane 32c; Bro Christy Deane 4c; Beulah's (C. A. Layne's return fare) 24c; Bro. Ashby 27c; Alstork's train fare 8c; paid on account for Mission Bicycle, $10.; Hood's travelling expenses 6c; general harvest expenses 71c; Total expenditures $88.87.

Summary of Indebtedness.

Mission House, rent arrears $3.98; Church Missionary debt, $39.99; loan for personal expenses $174.00; total indebtedness $217.97.

Report.

We are deeply thankful to God for having successfully guided us through the last quarter of 1916, our General Conference year.

As Presiding Elder, Pastor, Founder and Agent of the Cause of God, and our beloved Zion, much work was done during the quarter. A spiritual awakening was aroused.

The lamentable death of our late colored Magistrate, Mr. Sharples, has occurred this quarter. Our pastor having just returned from General Conference entered with marked zeal into the usual Harvest Festival celebrations with the ministerial assistance of Revs. A. T. Collins and J. A. Johnson, A. M. E. and Christian church brethren respectively.

We are in great, great need of bibles, hymnals, our own Catechisms, Sunday School and Varick C. E. literature. We shall be greatly help-

BUDS OF PROMISE.

ed in this way to further the work. Who will help? The Day and Sunday Schools, V. C. E. and W. H. & F. M. Societies have shown signs of revival since the return of our Pastor.

We are confronted with, in most cases, one hundred per cent increase on nearly every article of consumption and of other uses owing to the continued world-wide war.

Our general elections were the event of the Quarter, resulting in our Combined Court being composed of the largest number of colored electives with the first East Indian member as a financial representative, J. A. Luckor, Esq. The elections were the most action resulting also in the Junior membership of the Court of Policy for the city of Georgetown being won for the first time, to the greatest surprise of all by the Hon. P. N. Browne, a most industrious and successful Barrester at law, who has been, and still is a tried and true friend of our church and pastor. Mr. E. A. V. Abraham succeeded, after several attempts, in being elected, unopposed, as a Financial Representative. He being so much identified in our work also that if we did not equally share in his joy and elevation, we would have been almost fit for the Lunatic Asylum. It was no surprise, to us, too, that C. F. Wieting, Esq., one of our white native, well-wishers, in one of the most formidable political combats in his life, won W. C. Marchant, Esq, another white friend and Editor of the people's newspaper, The Daly Chronicle. We did not expect the Hon. A. P. Sherlock to be left; it was our greatest disappointment.

We, however, heartily felicitate the winners and sympathize with the defeated. There has been an increase in the receipts over the past quarter the expenditures still being in excess.

We beg to remind loyal Zionites abroad about their promises towards the enlargement of the church and the upkeep of our school and Missions.

War prices as obtains, will take nearly twice as much now for our extension work. Nevertheless, we are bound to start the enlargement soon possibly in May, under God, with the support of the promises of our loyal Zionites at home and abroad.

It is with tears that we learn of the serious illness, again, of our much esteemed, Senior prelate and President of the Foreign Mission Board, Bishop Walters.

Upon the knowledge of the distressing news, the churches and Missions appealed to the throne of God for his recovery.

We again must thank our good friends and Zionites for the needed help they gave us for the continuance of the worth. Don't "be weary in well-doing."

Since January 1916, the postage to Demerara, B. Guiana, S. America from the U. S. A. and vice-versa has been reduced to two-cents for letters —not five cents.

Again thanking Almighty God and everybody, we close our report, asking for your continued prayers and loving remembrance of us.

Respectfully submitted by the P. E. Pastor and Agent, W. A. Deane.

AN APPEAL.

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tropolitan Zion Church, Washington.

Care of Dr. Callis:

Mrs. Mary E. Wales, $2.00; Mr. W. H. Lemmon, $2.00; Mr. Thos. Greene, $2.00; Mr. Albert Dorsey, $2.00.

Mr. W. H. Pritchard, $2.00, Dr. Callis' Church, Washington,

Dr. G. M. Oliver, $5.00, Union Wesley Zion Church, Washington.

Rev. Mrs. Mary O. Neland, $5.00, Maryland.

Dr. Thos. W. Wallace, $5.00 Editor Western Star of Zion.

Dr. J. W. McDonald, $5.00, Waterbury.

Professor S. M. Dudley, $2. (bal) Washington, D. C.

Rev. G. W. A. Tolbert, $2.00 Maryland.

Dr. M. L. Blalock, P. E, $2.50, Philadelphia & Balti. Conferences.

Lady Ella Caldwell, $2.00; Philadelphia.

Rev. J. S. Swan, $2.00, Carlisle.

Dr. G. L. Mason, P. E., Remorse, New York Conference

Rev. Elnora F. Carter, $1.00 cfo Dr. Callis, Washington, D. C.

Dr. J. H. Anderson, $1.00, Editor Star; Rev. J. B. Walters, $1.00, Worcester, Mass.

Dr. R. R. Ball, $5.00, New England Conference.

Miss J. T. Henderson, 50c (bal) cfo Dr. G. M. Oliver of Washington, D. C. Wesley Union.

It was noted with regret that Negroes in the United States were not active as they should be in the support of work among their own people in foreign lands.

The Negro preacher is indifferent hence the laxation upon the part of the few.

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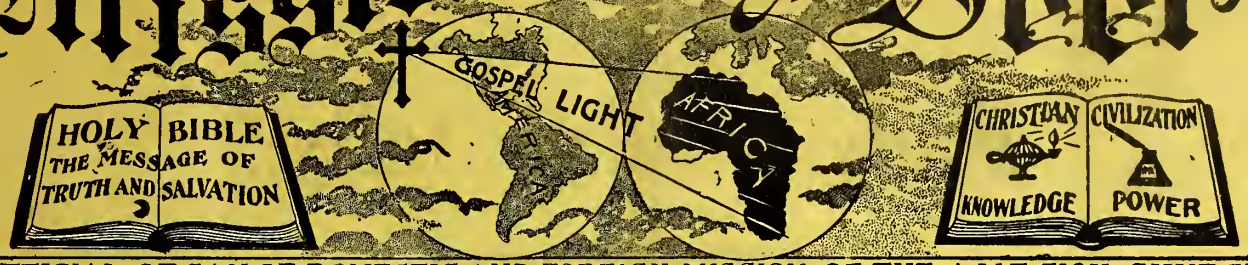

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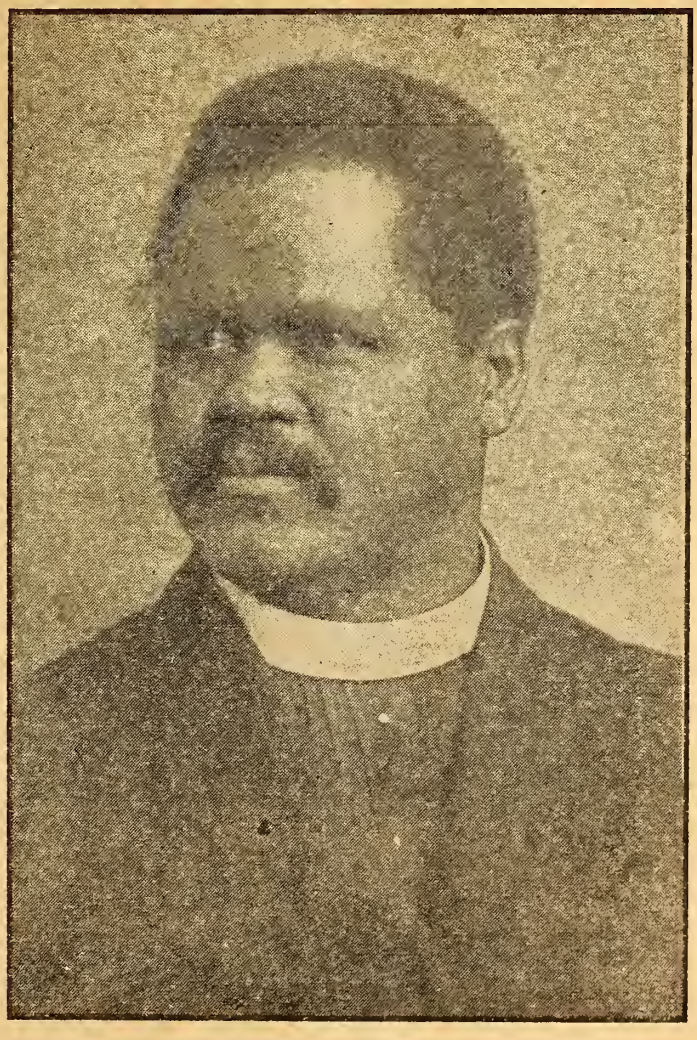

Wishing all a Merry Christmas. I pledge myself to God, my Church, my Country, the Salvation and Brotherhood of Man.

J. W. Woods

Secetary of Foriegn Mission Board.

A Glimpse of Bright Stars

Did you do your duty by your church Missionary Day, the 4th Sunday in September 1917? If not, why not?

And a little child shall lead them.
Sang the Angels up above
All little children's doings.
Jesus notes with smiles of love.

You would be a better Missionary at heart if you would study Missionary problems. And the preacher and layman with one concordant voice, asks "why should we study foreign Missions?" Here is the answer:

1. Because it gives breath to the mental and spiritual horizon.
2. Because Missionary biography is rich in inspiring examples of greatness of soul.
3. Because it is an aid to self-denial and a single purpose—the Evangelism of the world.
4. Because Missionary achievements attest the presence and power of God in the work of the church.
5. Because it establishes and enriches faith.
6. Because we look forward to a glorious harvest because we have sown the seed and cast the bread upon the waters.
7. Because you will not share in this blessedness my brother, if you fail to hear the call to the rescue of the dying—Study Foreign Missions and support the same.

The Board of Foreign Missions is asking every Pastor and Superintendent of our Sunday Schools and Presidents of our V. C. E. Societies to render a Special thirty minute program on Sunday morning or Sunday evening, Dec. 23rd in the interest of Foreign Missions. We are asking for a liberal contribution, and the full collection for the Heathen and Non-Christian lands.

Rev. J. W. MacDonald, D. D. of Waterbury, Conn. was the first to report his Missionary day collection. Dr. MacDonald is an able writer, speaker and pulpiteer and one of Zion's most successful pastors.

Rev. C. C. Alleyne D. D., Editor of the Quarterly Review is one among the most polished orators of the race. The Quarterly Review of which he is Editor ranks among the foremost Religious Journals of this country.

In trying to interest people in Missions, often the excuse is made that there is plenty of work near home, while that is true yet when the actual needs of Foreign and Home fields are placed side by side, it is very apparent that the undone work of the gospel lies in Foreign Fields.

We observe that putting together all classes of protestant Missionaries sent into China, ordained and unordained, including married and unmarried women for every such worker there is a congregation awaiting them of 52,490 people. In India a trifle more or 57.540 while in Africa there are 166,960 people for every missionary. What a problem? The solution to this problem must be found in the activities of the church. The ministry and laymen in God's church are held responsible for the salvation of the heathen and the complete salvation of the world.

Dr. J. Harvey Anderson, Editor of the Star of Zion deserves commendation and congratulations for his splendid editorials. He is giving us a creditable sheet. The Star of Zion Shines.

Brother Pastor will you assist the Supt. of your Sunday School to arrange his program for a Thirty minute Missinary meeting Sunday Dec. 23rd call upon the children to give 10 cents each on that day for the poor unfortunate children of Africa and send the amount collected to J. W. Wood, 1231 Cornell Ave., Indianapolis Ind. Every child will give a dime for Christ .

Rev. S. Q. Swan of Carlisle Pa. is making rapid progress along all lines. He is a splendid preacher and great pastor. He never turns loose until he has finished. He is a decided success.

Rev. L. A. Patrick of Henderson, Ky., is sweeping things before him. He is a splendid pastor and an able speaker and pulpiteer.

Rev. J. W. Brown D. D., of Mother Zion, New York is having unusual success with this metropolitan charge of the city. Dr. Brown is a great preacher, church builder, and constructive worker. He fits always everywhere.

Our good friends Drs. C. W. Brown, Battles; Callis; Moppins and Johnson of Washington, D. C. looses none of their inspirational activities They are Zion's big V of Washington City.

Drs. Hannum and Oliver of the Progressive City of brotherly love are sweeping on in great style. Both men have made for themselves a splendid record of which we are proud.

Dr. A. A. Crooke and Dr. P. A. Wallace are limelight. They are strong and able, and the Master will use them in time for the furtherance of his kingdom and the cause of humanity.

Dr. N. D. King of Norfolk, Dr. C L. Alexander of Petersburg and Dr. Gregory of Berkley, Va., M. P. Hawkins H. B. Pettegrew and the mighty Master builders in the persons of Drs. Geo. L. White, Joseph Gorham, S. P. Cook and C. W. Winfield sweeps on in the conquest with triumphant achievements for Old Zion in the states of Virginia and North Carolina.

Rev. G. W. Brown of Hickory, Va. is a master on the job. He has had a most successful pastorate at this place and the people love him for his Christian life and wholesome influence.

Dr. Riley of Birmingham; Dr. McMullan and Dr. G. W. Johnson of Mobile; Dr. A. J. Rodgers of Montgomery; Fitzpatrick, Hubbard, Smith Laramore, Thompson, Crawford. Marshall; Jackson; Paulk; Glover; Shinn and the big Gains brothers, in fact all of the brethren of Alabama are doing their share in helping to make the A. M. E. Zion church

the greatest religious institution in the state.

Of course Bishops G. W. Clinton, J. W. Alstork, A. J. Warner, J. S. Caldwell, Geo. L. Blackwell, L. W. Kyles, R. B. Bruce, W. L. Lee and G. C. Clement are real happy Bishops because their men stood by them at all times and in all places to help them bring around full reports on their districts.

The Connectional Debt Paying Rally led on by Bishop J. S. Caldwell will meet with success because the object is worthy and deserves the unstinted support of every minister and layman in the church. The $19,400.00 will be raised and nobody hurt. We will pay this little debt and regard it as a passing incident of little importance. It will be much easier to raise this amount than it was to raise $50,000.00 and yet we raised the fifty thousand with all ease.

Let us do our whole duty, every man up and at it with a vim. Strike hard from the shoulder, hit the nail on the head and drive home the nineteen thousand four hundred dollars in a single blow. We can do it. We will do it, it is done because the men of Zion say so.

Turn over a new leaf next year. don't bother about it. Time will turn it over for you whether your work has been finished or not. Time doesn't wait. You had twelve months to do it and if you failed, no one is to blame but yourself. So many people are in their own way, they would accomplished a creditable service for God and humanity during the past twelve months had it not been for reason that they were too little to act in favor of the other fellow, hence they lost. Well, our work is not done but the leaf turns over just the same. It is up to you to make good your next opportunity. What will you do for yourself, for God and suffering humanity in nineteen (1918) eighteen. Try to do more for Foreign Missions. Think of the dying and think of the opportunity you have to rescue the perishing, and the clouds that are big with mercy will break over your head.

Dr. E. D. Jones gave every cent raised at his big Missionary Anniversary service for Africa Sunday, Sept. 23rd. You could have done the same my brother. Why did you fail? We are sure that you will not forget to help the cause in 1918. Over sixteen hundred pastors in the A. M. E. Zion Church failed to send one penny from the Missionary day collection and brother this means you. May the Lord have mercy upon us. One Bishop writes "Of all the Anniversary days in the church, the Missoonary day is the biggest farce of them all." On that day the pastors with few exceptions raise every kind of money except Missionary money. 'Africa! Africa! they cry until their purses are filled and then so soon poor Africa is forgotten, and the thousands are lost to the cause. Don't use Africa as a dope to get money from the people without giving Africa a reasonable portion of the money collected. The people will wake up some day.

We asked for $10,000 hoping to get $2,000. We received $377. This shows conclusively what many of us think of Foreign Missions We are coming back strong next year for $10,000. We believe it can be done. We are not discouraged in the least. We shall ask the co-operation of the Bishops, Presiding Elders, Pastors and Societies as before. We can raise $10,000 and we will do it.

W. H. & F. M. CONVENTION OF N. O. DISTRICT.

By Miss P. C. Tasker.

The Missionary spirit is wide awake in the New Orleans District, as conducted by the noble Mrs. L. B. Thornton. This is the first year that this earnest worker has been appointed over the W. H. and F. Missionary Society. This is also the first year that this society has met alone.

The W. H. and F. M. Convention convened July 26-27, 1917 at Alstork Mission, Hammond La. Rev. H. Morgan Pastor. Mrs. Thornton nobly conducted the meeting while the Holy Spirit supernaturally presided. After a fraternal opening the President still filled with the spirit rose to organize the Convention. Officers elected were: Miss P. C. Tasker, Secretary; Mrs. A. E. Humbles, Marshall; Miss M. A. Payton Timist: and Mrs. M. Parker Reporter to Newspapers

We were entertained with excellent remarks by the distinguished honorary members Revs. J. E. Thornton, J. H. McMullen and H. Morgan. Mrs E. Rice and Miss M. A. Payton thrilled the Convention as they cheered the President on to success. Mrs. Thornton, feeling very grateful rose and returned thanks.

The devotional exercises of the night session were conducted by Presiding Elder J. W. Graves, Rev. J H. McMullen, Petty's Chapel, New Orleans Rev. F. Greene, St. Paul, Ham. Sermon preached by Rev. J. E. Thornton, New Zion Baptist Church, Ponchatoula. Text: "Walking with God." Gen. 6:9.

The devotional service of the 2nd day's morning session was led by the District President. Sermon by Rev. E. L. Jackson, St. Mark, New Orleans. Important visitors from the Roseland District were Mrs. Seals, Mrs. N. E. Stress and Rev. Gaines, Big Zion Roseland. The leading Ministers of Hammond were present as well as all pastors of the New Orleans District.

In the afternoon each heart was engaged in the spiritual love feast and an old time speaking meeting. The topic for discussion was "The Duty of Mission Workers." excellently led by Miss P. C. Tasker. The Committee on memorial solemnly but splendidly reported by Miss Payton. The President rose to deliver her fraternanl message which was so appealing and so excellent that the time was extended an hour to hear the many remarks and congratulations that were given her. The sermon at night was preached by Rev. J. H. McMullen who added one member to Alstork Mission. Miss M. A. Payton was elected fraternanl messenger to the V. C. E. Convention to convene at Petty's Chapel New Orleans on Aug. 10-12 1917. Mrs. A. Humbles delegate to District Conference, Aug 22-25, 1917 at Amite. Amount collected for the two day's Convention $20.00. $6. sent to General Treasurer; $4 donated to Mission churches of the District.

Jubilee songs were an important feature of the Convention.

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EDITORIALS

We wish for you the enjoyments and blessings of the season and a happy new year.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS—THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN.

Fear not to take unto thee, Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins * * * Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King. Wise men came from the East to Jerusalem inquiring and asking, Where is he that is born king of the Jews, for we have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him. Margaret E. Sangster, Jr. wrote

I know how Masy felt, there in the hay
My little son was born on Christmas day."
I know as she bent tenderly above him
She did not think of majesty or power
For he was hers and she was there to love him,
His hands, as pinkly tinted as a flower
Seemed all too small to carve his deathless story
What though a star gleamed glorious to guide Him?
She snatched him to her breast as if to hide him
From harm, and pain, and even—yes from glory.

And when the wise men came to give their treasure
She smiled at them as proud as any queen;
She scarcely saw the jewels in countless measure,
The gold that gleamed; her gaze was far serene,
Upon the hills where shepherds watched, alone.
She did not think of crosses or of dying
For he was just a drowsy baby, lying
Wrapped in her love-a baby-all her own,
I know how Mary felt there in the hay,
My little son was born on Christmas day,"

HEART OF YOUTH.

Heart of youth 'tis Christmas time—
Be singing,
Every bell in every clime is ringing.
Eyes are sparkling, lips are smiling,
Greetings merry gifts beguilding.
Matters nothing what your age
Santa has the Yuletide stage

Turn the page of yesterday,
Forgetting,
All but that the mystic hour
Begetting.
In the leading actor's mission
Life's great promise loves fruition
Heart of youth, yours is play
On the wondrous Christmas Day

YOU FAILED TO ACT.

You are the man who used to boast,
That you'd achieve the uttermost some day.
You merely wished a show
To demonstrate how much you know.
And prove the distance you can go.
Another year is almost thru,
What new ideas came to you?
How many big things did you do?
Time left twelve fresh months in your care.
How many of them did you share?
With opportunity and dare
Again where you so often missed?
We do not find you on the list
Of makers-good. Explain the fact.
Oh, no, 'twas not the chance you lacked.
As usual you failed to act.

LIGHT PENETRATING INTO DARKENED HEARTS.

It will be interesting to those who are assisting foreign missions to know something of the effect the preaching of the gospel has upon the native of West Africa.

We find him a somewhat happy individual having but little sense of responsibility, and seemingly more content to live in his present miserable surroundings than he is to work to improve them.

The native is glad to have white people settle in his country. This sounds well, but when we consider that it is not to hear the gospel he wishes, but because he looks upon the white man as a wealthy person and hopes thereby to gain through his staying with them. the outlook is not so flattering. Others want to be educated in order to earn more money. However, this desire becomes an entering wedge.

Let us not watch this native as the light of the gospel enters his soul. He is nervous. But ventures to express his belief to his relatives and friends. They in turn make bold statements, and great claims, and strong appeals in favor of the native superstitions. Unable to meet these claims. he comes to the Missionary and asks, "Is this so?"

By and by he ventures to assert his belief in the Lord's religion. The struggle now begins. The great adversary is losing his grip upon this one for whom our Savior died. Every means available he uses to again ensnare this child of God in the darkness and superstitions from which he is escaping. The trial is severe to the native, and once more he seeks the help of the missionary. It is now time to point him to the One who is "for us," and to stand aside and let the Lord manifest himself. A God who can hear and answer prayer as well as a God of love to this struggling soul. The victory is won. "I

believe, I believe." he cries, as he seeks the salvation of the Lord. Henceforth he no more seeks his own but the same self-sacrificing spirit seen in our Savior is reflected from his once benighted soul.

WITHOUT CHRIST ONLY AN AFRICAN DRUDGE.

Almost one-fourth of the earth's land surface is comprised within the continent of Africa.

A telegraph wire stretched along Africa's coast would be of sufficient length for sending a message around the earth.

One person in eight of the world's population lives in the Dark Continent. The blacks double their numbers in forty years. whites in every eighty years.

There are 843 languages and dialects used among the tribes in Africa. Only a few comparatively have been reduced to writing.

One area occupied by missionaries in Africa is three times the size of New England another would cover four States like New York. and a third would take in eight Iowas, while a fourth is eighteen times the size of Ohio.

Distributed over Africa there is only one missionary for every 166,940 people. The development of railways is bound to help missionary expansion in Africa. At the beginning of the war the Dark Continent had a total of 25,000 miles of completed railways. If Africa had the same proportion of mileage as the United States there would now be a million miles of shining steel rails traversing its jungles and veldts.

Almost the entire continent is under European flags. The colonies of France are twenty times the size of France itself. The British possessions equal territory the size of the United States extending almost without interruption from Cairo to the Cape, a distance of 8,000 miles.

Moravians began missions among the Kafirs in 1737. Robert Moffat, in 1840. Livingstone the pathfinder, explored Central Africa interesting the world in the secrets it held. Now schools and churches abound where he pioneered the way.

Seventh-day adventists began work on the Dark Continent in 1886. Mission stations now practically belt Africa, north, south; east; west as well as penetrating the interior to near the Congo border. In South Africa alone some forty churches are established. In Rhodesia and Nyassaland there are 3,700 students enrolled on the six main industrial missions with their sixty-seven out schools. The work is prospering in all these sections.

The African M. E. Zion Church began Missionary work in Africa in [illegible]. Dr. Andrew J. Cartwright was our first Missionary to this field. It is to our shame that we did not give him the support that he should have had. From this humble beginning, however, we have three Conferences in Africa with a total membership of our seven thousand. It is a sad reflection that more than 1800 ministers in our church did not send us 1 cent for the poor unfortunate [illegible] people in Africa on Missionary Day. What will your answer be?

JAPAN.

The authentic record of Japan's ancestry dates back to 660 B. C. thus making 1917 the 2,577th year of the Japanese era.

The United States was the first Western nation to form a treaty with Japan opening her doors permanently to trade with the outer world. Commodore M. C. Perry signed the treaty March 31, 1854. after remaining with his squadron in port eight months.

Buddhism began to give way before the light of Christianity as Japan began to acquire Western civilization with its wonderful rising tide of material progress—railroads, telegraphs, newspapers, machinery and manufacturies.

In 1911 a careful estimate gave the number of women and girls employed in factories in Japan at 700,000.

"The strongest force at work in Japan today," states one writer considered an authority on Japanese life, "for the improvement of the industrial conditions of womanhood is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its influence and ideals are reaching millions who have no connection with organized Christianity."

In Japan as well as in any other land that is or has been dark in heathenism, the Christian faith is making progress because it brings peace and hope and power to the individual as it leads to the conception of the intrinsic worth bound up in each unit of its commonwealth.

Korea, because of its geographical position has been called "the wishbone of the Orient." China wanted her on one side, Japan tugged upon the other, while Russia coveted her warm water ports as an outlet to her transcontinental railroad. This long drawn out strife was brought to an end in 1910 when Japan made Korea a part of the Japanese Empire.

Japan has annexed Korea, but the enthusiasm and evangelistic spirit of the Korean Christian may yet annex the entire Orient. Nowhere in the world has the gospel made such rapid progress. Although Korea is among the last mission fields to be occupied.

In some of the evangelical churches established in Korea not until the Korean convert has brought one or more to Christ is he considered eligible for church membership. Suppose this test were applied to the church to which you belong, what think you would be the result?

CHINA.

The area of China is 4,378,143 square miles the population 329618000

About one-twelfth of the land area of the world is included within the borders of China proper and its dependents. Four such countries would practically swallow up all the territory of Asia.

"For a traveler to encircle China he would need to journey a distance considerably greater than half the circumference of the world."

THE HAJI JAVA.

The following letter is written by Missionary Batermore:

"Who says a Haji is one who has made a pilgrimage to Mecca, and is looked up to by other Mohammedans as a leader and teacher. In Java there are many Hajis especially among the Arabs, and they wield a great influence over the Javanese.

The Mohammedans believe in old prophets and in much of the old Testament. They think that Jesus was a prophet but that Mohammed was greater than he. They believe that wars will increase in the world until all nations will engage in a mighty conflict, and that the end of the world will come during this confusion of wars and strife and bloodshed. Not long ago I met two Arab priests while traveling through Java. I mentioned to them a number of things that I believe in common with the Mohammedans. Their interest was aroused and they became very friendly. I then read a number of texts of scripture regarding wars and

the strife that will prevail in the closing days of earths History. It was a great wonder to them, and they expressed real pleasure at having met and talked regarding these things.

Many of these souls are honest and we must study to unfold the truth to them in such a way that they might understand it.

THE OLD KOREAN WOMAN'S GIFT

The Rev. R. B. Owen writes:-

"At times when the calls for funds are set before the people in a land of plenty like the United States, many feel they are suffering a hardship in denying themselves in giving for the foreign mission work. Some do not realize that just across the ocean in Asia there are many converted heathen who are struggling under conditions and circumstances far less favorable but who are faithful in giving for the mission work.

Recently a letter came from an old native woman in southern Korea containing one single yen bill (50 cents) a Sabbath School offering. As she had never learned to write she had a friend write for her, saying she was sorry her contribution was so small but that it was the most that she could lay by; and no doubt, as the weeks passed, she looked forward with pleasure to the time when she could send in her yen to the office. Surely there is a reward for such faithful ones. These loyal natives all want a receipt for their remittance, and many prize it as much as does a young doctor his State Board certificate.

Nearly five times as many people live in China as in the United States, and if three other members of the human family should be placed beside each inhabitant of the Middle Kingdom it would require almost the whole population of the globe to furnish the required number.

The religions of China include Confucianism, [illegible] but the dividing lines are not rigidly drawn. To the Chinese mind it does not seem to be inconsistent to professed adherence to more than one of these systems at the same time.

Missionaries of the Roman Catholic Church established a work in China in the thirteenth century, and these efforts were renewed in the sixteenth century as a part of the counter-reformation movement.

Robert Morrison, the pioneer of Protestant missions [illegible] ton in the autumn of 1807. Following him came Bridgman and Wells-Williams from [illegible]

After the opening of the treaty ports in China in 1842 a fresh impetus was given to missions, and the noble army of devoted workers has steadily increased until the present time.

Prominent among the societies which have penetrated in that great field have been the London Missionary Society, the [illegible] Society, the American Baptist Mission, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and [illegible] Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Only a few weeks ago some one asked us, "What is a Mission Study Class?" And since the question is one of very great importance to the department of Missions, we decided to give answer thru the Missionary Seer, as follows:

The Mission Study Class, in its most approved and usual form, is a small group of persons who meet weekly for from six to ten seccessions of not less than one hour each to study under a leader a text book relating to Missions, Home and Foreign. It is not a lecturer nor a program meeting, but a class in which all are expected to take part freely.

It does not interfere with any other agency. It rather helps to make other forms of missionary effort more effective. Nothing else will so prepare people to take a really uplifting part in Missionary Meetings, nothing else will make them so willing to serve on Missionary Committees or undertake other kinds of work for the cause. The best reasons for organizing mission study classes are to be found in some of the actual results of the study of missions. Hence trained leaders have general educational value. Broadens the mind to a world outlook, stimulates original thought, develops missionary ideals, promotes popular discussion, clarifies missionary motives, leads to better methods of finance, gives Sunday School teachers needed information, unites a group of people to think and to pray on the deep things of the kingdom of God.

WHAT THE CHINESE GENERAL ASKED.

"A little while ago" writes the Rev. Earl Hoose, of Kiukaing, China "Dr. Mary Stone was called to Tu chang to attend the sick child of a general there. The general had just caused some 240 people to be beheaded. The doctor said to him 'General, why didn't you give them a trial and a chance? He replied. They were too wicked to live. Why don't you send some of your Christian teachers down here? That's the only way to make them good. Dr. Stone returned to Kiukaing told of this call at a prayer meeting, it was prayed over, and the Doctor's nurses and friends subscribed money an[illegible]

When will the day come that we can accept such invitations as the above to help unfortunate humanity?

FOREIGN MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY"—HOOD'S TEMPLE.

By Samuel Chapman.

Our Missionary Anniversary was a success. The 4th Sunday in Sept was duly celebrated by the W. H. and F. M. Society and congregation. Dr. J. W. Wood our Foreign Missionary Secretary was with us. He preached at 11 a. m.; 3 p. m. and addressed the congregation upon the soul of Africa at 7.30 p. m.

Dr. Wood never appeared to better advantange, his sermons were replete and delivered with force and eloquence. On Monday evening we were carried to Africa on an excursion of Mental Wave illustrated with Stereopticon views. Our total collection for the service including the lecture was $68.73. Long live Dr. Wood. 1920 will be the year of Jubilee, when Dr. Wood will be elected as one of the Bishops in the A. M. E. Zion church.

Our Missionary Day Program was rendered with perfect ease and all the people were happy. Mrs. Rhoda Crawford, President of the W. H. and F. Missionary Society is a great worker. She knows how to manage affairs for the best results. Her speech before the big Congregation convinced all that she was the right woman in the right place.

Rev. Dr. Long of Litt'e Hope Baptist Church Rev. W. H. Pope of the M. E. Church; Rev R. E. Dixon of Mt Zion Baptist Church and Rev. J.

deserving of praise for the good work that they are doing. They got togeth- E. Thompson, Evangelist were with us and contributed much to the success of the meeting .

These brethren rendered great ser vice for the Master.

They assisted in raising the collection. The following gave $1.00 each: Dora C. White, Howard Gibson, L. Chapman; Ernest Muffin; S. Cunningham Sarah Douglass; Victoria Gibson; Mariah Cobb; Fred Gibson; Hannah Frey; H. D. Robinson; Obadiah Dixon; Jones Gantt; Jerry Cools; P. Hayden; B. Harrison; Mary Willard; Rhoda Crawford; Those who paid 50c were: Cassie Cox; S. Robinson; Jennie Burgis; Those who paid 25c were: Sallie Thurman; Anna Carr; Mary Kil'ebrew; Nannie Robards; Carrie Watson; Mrs. Kelly; Mr. Foster; Nora Baskett, John Sheridian; Luda Shanks; Drew Clements; H. J. Knott. The day and the entire services of Monday and Tuesday were indeed great successes.

The members of this church are er a few days ago and stormed the Pastor—and my! It was a delight to my wife and I. We almost shouted.

We received donations that will last us for two months and $17.70 in cash. Company A, lead by Bro. Fred Hyte, $12.00; Company B led by Mrs. T. Sandfur $4.00; Company C, Good heart works led by Mrs. Victoria Richardson $3.00. We wish to [illegible] the good people and members of Hood's Temple for the good things brought to us.

Your humble servant.
Evansville Ind.

Rev. B. J. Jones, Freeman, West Virginia says The Star of Zion never saw better days. And rule—almost invariably Dr. Jones, knows just what he is talking about. He will see to it that he is properly represented at the Connectional Debt Paying Rally Campaign.

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Alexandria, La., has been selected for the next meeting of the Annual gathering of the Sunday School Congress. Such was the action of the Congress officials at a meeting held three days at Nashville, Tenn., ending OOct. 16 1917.

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Rev. H. T. Medford was returned to the pastorate of Jacob St. A. M. E. Zion Church, Louisville, for the second year by the Kentucky Annual Conference, Sept. 30, 1917. His past year's ministry has been attended with gratifying success. Spirituality, peace and harmony has prevailed. The attendance has been built up, a splendid revival and a number of accessions have been among the fortunes of the church this year. Financially Rev. Medford with the loyal support of his membership, has been successful in raising money and paying off the entire indebtedness of the church. This year the pastor, officials and membership look forward to the securing of a much needed parsonage for the church. He speaks in high terms of the business like and progressive spirit of Jacob St. Tabernacle's official family and is much inspired for the work of this year.

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THE COFFEEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Lund Riddick.

The Coffeeville District Conference convened at Charleston, Miss. Rev. P. L. Boyd, preached the opening sermon. The people were unstinted with their kind hospitality. The Pastor Rev. P. Green is a fine man. He has just completed a fine church for his people. Presiding Elder Williams is among the best Presiding Elders in the church. Dr. Williams is highly dignified. All of the people love him. Among the visitors were Prof. J. W. Eichelberger Jr., Principal of Walters Institute; Mrs. M. C. Cross and Rev. S. L. Roseborough. The attendance was good and the reports were fine, which showed much progress on the district. Among the delegates were W. Y House. Mrs. Callie Drake, Mrs. Bettie Jeffries, N. C. Wilborn and P. R. Saunders. It was a great meeting.
Coffeeville, Miss

DISTRICT CONFERENCE. SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

By Miss Virginia Cannon

Dear Dr. Wood
Editor Missionary Seer:-

One of the most successful meetings we have ever held has just closed. It goes without saying that our District Meeting and Missionary Convention was the best ever held in this section of our Zion. The good people of Pickens, Miss deserve praise for the excellent manner in which they provided for the Conference.

Rev. H. M. Reed, the Pastor is a great and good man. He knows how to do things. Dr. L. M. Mitchell, the Presiding Elder opened the Conference at 10 o'clock assisted by Revs. J. S. Nichols, A. B. Binnon and others. Bro Hampton lined hymn. Dr. Mitchell read the scriptures. Rev Nichols prayed. After devotion the Conference was organized. Prof. H. C. Russell Secretary; Prof. J. M. Beamon, reported to the Star of Zion. Mrs. V. Connor, to the Seer. Appointment of Committees. The total amount of money collected was $74.24. Our next District Conference will make a donation to the Seer, and send in several subscriptions. The Annual sermon was preached by Rev. N. S. Harris. It was a great sermon. On Thursday night, Rev. Hampton preached a great sermon. Rev. Binnon preached an excellent sermon from Exodus. Friday evening the women had a great time in a Missionary meeting. Mrs. Lettie Love, Mrs. Ada Reed made an excellent showing for the work.

Dr. D. J. Adams of the Arkansas Conference was introduced. He had lots of good things to say to us. We enjoyed his message. Rev. E. W. Golf preached a great sermon. Everybody helped to make the Convention a big success. Prof. H. C. Russell, Miss Clarissa Allen, Prof. J. W. Eichelberger; Mrs. S. A. Nichols; Rev R. B. Ward; Rev. S. C. Boyd helped to make the meeting a big success. Among the visitors were Oneda Garrett; L. M. Cheeks, Dr. D. J. Adams and others. The total amount of money collected from the District Conference, Sunday School, V. C. E. and Missionary women was $169.64. The Finance Committee dusbursed the money and all went home happy. We will remember the Seer next time.
Pickens Miss.

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Rev. G. W. Tate is hustling on his charge. The quarterly meeting was held at Rosville and Bethel Oct. 27 and 28 respectively.

A GREAT MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

The Marks District Missionary Convention met at Vance, Miss., from July 26 to 29. Mrs. H. P. Riley

President. The Convention was organized by electing the following officers: Miss E. B. Watkins, Secretary; Mrs. W. A. Watkins, Recording Secretary; Miss Della Mae Soons, Miss Evaline Nichols and Mrs. V. L. Tolbert, ushers. Mrs. Tolbert was elected timist and Mrs. H. B. Bradshaw Reporter to the Missionary glorious. Rev. S. L. Rosborough preached the opening sermon. It was a great sermon. Rev Black, the pastor is a great man. The collection was good.

Miss E. B. Watson a student of Walter's Institute spoke with credit to herself and school. Sunday was a high day. The lesson was taught by Rev. I. S. Malone. Preaching by more.

Rev. A. P Petty the Presiding Elder. Rev. Metcalf preached a good sermon. We had a good time and everybody went away happy. The collection was good. We shall never forget this good Convention. We are working as never before.

Marks Miss.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION.
Lakewood, Fla.

By Evaline Sims.

My Dear Dr. Wood:-
Editor of the Seer:

The Milton District Conference Convened at Lakewood. Dr. R. W. Houser, Presiding Elder. The Conference was opened with devotion. Love feast and an old fashioned spiritual meeting ensued. It was a great meeting. Al lenjoyed the presence of the Holy Spirit after which the Conference was organized and ready for business. Pastors and delegates were present at roll call. Quite a number of visitors were introduced. We raised $50.00 on the first day. The meetings were largely attended. Friday evening the Women rendered a splendid program.

The sermon was preached by Rev. William Renzie. Rev. McMillan offered prayer.

The ladies lifted the collection.

Quite a number gave 75 cents and others 50 cents still others 25 cents. We had a great time.

Rev. R. W. Houser is the able presiding Elder. Pray for us.

Lakewood, Fla.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS.

Is it the sting of death
That we can ne'er forget,
Does it there linger yet
There on thy heart?
Is it the pain, the woe,
That makes the feeling so
Is it the debt we owe
Ere we depart?

2

It is the will of God
Though seeming very hard
Yet this path we must trod
Sooner or late
When our good work is done,
Or if its just begun
Even if never done,
We meet the fate.

3

Sad is it to relate
The death of one so great,
Though we're compelled to state
That he is gone.
His was a life well spent
His was a life that lent
Courage, to good intent
Never a scorn.

4

When Bishops Council meet
There'll be a vacant seat
No more the voice so swell
Will answer 'yes'
'Zion' has lost a man,
Who for her cause did stand
Now throughout all the land,
Sadness is cast.

5

Always a smile wore he,
When he met you or me,
Glad were we then to see
A man like this
But his work now is o'er
Gone has he to that shore
Where life forevermore
Ever is bliss.

Joseph C. Hazel.

Rev. Medford is loved and respected by his parishioners, and is regarded as a scholarly, positive, brotherly, ystematic pastor, and preacher of the gospel.

Quite an enthusiastic audience greeted the pastor the Rev. H. T. Medford, last Sunday. It was Rev. Medford's Sunday after being returned to the church by Bishop Geo. C. Clement, who presided at the Kentucky Annual Conference. Rev. Medford preached his initial sermon from the text. "Hinder me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my way." Sunday night the subject was "The Church's Call Forward." The membership is jubiliant over the past year's work and expresses general delight at his return for another year. The work of reorganizing all departments of the church is in progress looking forward to the first quarterly conference.

Beginning Wednesday night, Oct 31 Rev. Mrs. Florence Randolph a noted evangelist of Jersey City, N. J. lead a great evangelistic campaign of fifteen days or three weeks at the church.

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Fifteenth Street Mother church, and the great Broadway Tabernacle is reporting on the Connectional Debt Paying Rally Campaign.

Then shall ye return, and decision between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." Mal. 3:17-18.

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Rev. T. H. Alleyne, a scholar'y and able young Clergyman formerly of Great Britian and recently of the A. M. E. Church in which he pastored at Milton, Lock Haven and Jersey Shore, Penna and married one of the High School Graduates and very amiable young women of Jersey Shore, Pa., have cast their lot with the A. M. E. Zion Church thru Dr. A. A. Crooke by way of Rush Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, New York City, N. Y. Dr. Crooke and the Editor of this paper have pleasure in commending the ability efficiency and worthiness of Rev. Alleyne. Several years of acquaintance with him and his good work attest the high estimate which he and his faithful young wife are accorded. He is deserving of a good appointment at the hands of our Bishops. Rush Church where he is now assisting Dr. Crook is already arranging to send up its contribution towards The Connectional Debt Paying Rally Campaign.

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Mrs. Dora Jones, Forkland, Ala. desires to know the whereabouts of a Mr. Jonah Kennedy, or Mr. Joe Allen. He is known by both names and he is related to Penny Kennedy, Mrs. Vine Tyson and Margaret Williamson, who were reared in North Port, of Hale County Ala. near Bay Springs A. M. E. Zion Church and who left there twenty years ago removing to Mobile, Ala., Address Dora Jones as above.

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"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his son that serveth him.

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Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Gen. Treasurer.

First Episcopal District, New York Conference. Central District.

Mrs J. E. C. Boyd, Annual Conference, Westbury, June 18, 1917.

Mother Zion, W. H. & F. M. S	$6.00
Rush Memorial	1 00
Mt. Vernon	5 00
Nyack	2 25
Port Chester	3 00
Yonkers	1 50
New Rochelle	4 25
No Name	2 25
	$25 25

Afr'can Children's Fund	$2 50
Supply Dept.	9 85
Supply by receipt Mrs. J. W. Brown	6 20
Mrs. Henrietta Peters by receipt	10 00
Rev. J. J. Pierce by receipt	12 00
	$90 98

Young Women.

Mrs. Frances Allen, District Secy, Portchester	$5 00
Mamaroneck	1 25
Mt. Vernon	1 00
New Rochelle	4 00
Yonker	50
Rev. J. J. Pierce by receipt	4 75
	$16 50

Mrs. Inez Spencer, Mother Zion N. Y.	$5.00
	$21 50

Buds of Promise.

Mrs M. James, Mt. Vernon	$1 00
Mrs. Inez Cruse, Dist Supt	1 00
Rev. J. W. Brown	1 00
Mrs. I. Williams Yonkers	4 00
Mrs. I. Smith, New Rochelle	2 65
Mrs. S. Moore, Mamaroneck	1 50
Mrs. Fannie Harrington, Portchester	1 65
Mrs. M. E. Collins, Nyack	1 50
Rev J. J. Pierce, by receipt	3 25
	$16 50

Upper Hudson District.

Mrs. M. J. Golden, Dist Pres. Annual Conf. June 18, '17 W. H. & F. M. S.	$26 00
Mrs Annie Crawford, Buds, Annual Conf. June 18, 1917, W. H. & F. M. S	3 50
	$29 50

Long Island District.

Mrs. Ida Wallace Dist Pres 3rd and 4th Quarterly Mass Meeting	
Fleet St. Memorial W. H. & F. M. S	$18 00
Fleet St. Memorial W. H. & F. M. Supply dept	1 00
Hemstead supply dept	25
Hemstead	2 90
Westbury	7 00
Westbury supply dept	50
Jones Church	7 00
Oyster Bay	1 50
Lakeville	3 50
	$44 65

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Missouri Moore, Dist Supt 3rd and 4th Quarterly Mass Meeting.

Fleet Memorial	$1 00
Hempstead	1 00
Oyster Bay	50
Lakeville	1 50
	$4.00
For District	$48 65

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Missouri Moore, Annual Conference, June 18, 1917.

Hempstead	$1 00
Jones Church	1 00
Sag Harbor	1 00
Coney Island	1 50
	$4 50

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. H. Peters by receipt	$10 75
Fleet Mem. Quittah Fund	11 65
Westbery	11 97
	$34 32

Summary

Central Dist	$128 85
Long Island	87 47
Upper Hudson	29 50
Total for N. Y. Conference	$245 82

New England Conference.

Boston District.

Mrs T. A. Auten, Dist Pres. W. H. Annual Conference

Boston	$6 50
Boston Supply Dept	25
Providence	1 25
Providence supply	25
Worcester	50
Portland	25

Contingent Fund 1 00

$10 00

Providence Supply Y. W. H. 10c; Buds 5c 25
Contingent Fund Y. W. H. ... 1 00

Total for Mass Meeting ..$11 25
Mrs. Rhoda Stanley, Dist Secy.
Worcester, Y. W. H. $3 50
Total for Boston District $14 65

Hartford District
Mrs. Della Eley Dist Pres.

Haydens Station W. H. $1 00
New Haven 1 00
Williamatic 2 00
Derby 1 00
New Britton 75
Torrington 1 00
Over Amount 2 00

$8 75

Y. W. H. & F. M. S
Williamatic $2 00

Buds of Promise.
New Haven $1 15
Derby 50

$1 65
$12 40

Summary.
W. H. & F. M. S. $8 50
Contingent 2 00
Supply 65
Y W. H. & F. M. S. $3 50
Total for Boston District

Summary for Hartford District.
W. H. $8 75
Y. 2 00
Buds 1 65

Total for New England Conf $27 05

Central North Carolina Conference.
Raleigh District.
Miss May Monroe D. P. Durham. N. C. W. H
Douglass Chapel $1 00
Allen Chapel 3 00
Thompson Chapel 1 00
Centennial 1 00
Gees Grove 1 00
Durham Station 5 00
St. Pauls Church 1 00

$13 00

Carthage District
Mrs. Annie B. Simmons, Fayetteville, N C.
Mrs. Annie B. Simmons from Convention Buds $7 00
Total from Central Conference..0 00
Grand total for 1st Episcopal District $292 87

Second Episcopal District.
Bishop G. W. Clinton.
New Jersey Conference
New Jersey District.
Mrs Florence Randolph, District President, W. H. & F. M. S Quarterly Mass Meeting at Westfield, N. J.
Burlington $1 00
Somerville 3 00
Hackensack 2 00
Ridgewood 5 00
Bayonne 2 00
East Rutherford 1 00
Red Bank 5 00
Matawan 1 00
Paterson 5 00
Rossville 1 00
Camden 1 00
Inglewood 3 00
Reevytown 1 00
Jersey City 4 50
Westfield 1 25
Trenton 4 50
Mrs. Araminta Buck.
West New Brighton 3 00

$51 25

Education of Children
Mrs. Anderson and West $5 00
Mrs. Maria Frazier 5 00
Mr J. W. Robinson 5 00
Mr. Pater Walters 5 00
Mrs. Susie Shaw 5 00
N. J. State Fed W. Club 25 00

$50 00

Life Members.
Mrs. Ida Taylor, Eatontown .. 4 00
Mrs. Hamilton, Ridgewood .. 10 00
Mrs. Scott, Paterson 15 00

$25 00

Mrs. Henrietta Peters by receipt Quittah Fund $15 00
Mrs. Amelia Wheeler, Supply Dept. Quarter ending July 25, 1917, Westfield $10 65
Mrs. Annie Harper, Dist. Secy
Burlington, N. J. .....$ 50
Bayonne 75
Somerville 1 00
Jersey City 1 00
Trenton 2 00
West Field 75

$6 00

Buds of Promise
Mrs. Carrie Goode. Dist Supt.
Burlington .....$ 50
Matawan 1 50
Rossville 1 00
Red Bank 1 50
Eatontown 1 00
Hackensack 1 00
Newark 75
Patterson 1 00
Jersey City 1 00
Bayonne 1 20
Trenton 1 00
Inglewood 50
Miss Martha Horton, Paterson Life member 10 00

$21 95

Summary.
African Children $50 00
W. H. & F. M. S. 51 25
Life Members 29 00
Quittah Fund, by receipt 15 00
Supply Department 10 65
Y. W. H. & F. M. 6 00
Buds 11 95
Life Members 10 00

Total New Jersey Conn $183 85

Western North Carolina Conference.
Charlotte District.
Miss Bessie Watkins. Dist Pres.
W. H. & F. M S.
Mrs Ida Barber Clinton Chapel $5 00
Mrs. Dora Strong, E. Stonewall 2 00
Mrs. Josephine Foster, Myers Chapel 2 00
Mrs. Lula Sloan, Steel Creek . 2 00
Mrs. Callie Beggers, Mt. Zion 50
Mrs. Lula Hood Wrights Chapel 1 00
Mrs. Mary Dooley, Pleasant Ridge 1 00
Mrs Emily Ardery, China Grove 1 30
Mrs. Susan Hood, O'Connor Grove 2 00
Mrs. Beatrice Neal, Middle St. 2 00
Mrs. Josephine Patton, Pineville 1 00
Mrs. Hattie Means, Bethel ... 1 00

From Convention $28 80
Mrs. Ida Barber, life member in full 2 40

$32 20

Y. W. H. & F. M.
Mrs. C. M. Simmons, Dist. Secy.
Second Quarterly Mass Meeting
Mrs. Jennie Wilson, Clinton Chapel $2 00
Mrs. Cora Buchannan, Myers Chapel 1 50
Mrs. Rosa Fox, Wrights Chapel 40
Mrs. Carrie Kirkpatrick, Weeping Willow 70

$4 65

Mrs. F. W. Green, Dist. Secy.
Miss Artelia Williams $1 00
Miss Victoria Walker 50
Miss Margaret Caldwell 1 50
Miss Margaret Crawford 1 00
Miss Cora Johnson 1 00
Rev. C. W. Simmons 60
Rev R. A. Armstrong 75
No name 1 00

$7 35

Y
Mrs. Mary Dooley, Gastonia ..$1 00

$8 35

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S. $23 20
Y. W. H. & F. M. 13 00

$36 20

North Charlotte Dist.

Miss Beulah Moore, Dist. Supt. Mass Meeting, Lowell, July 28, 1917.
Miss Emma Thomas, Clinton Chapel 1 00
Miss Rosa Moore, Moores Sanctuary 1 00
Miss Bertha Davis East Stonewall 75
Miss Leola Jefferson, Middle St 1 00
Miss Veina Davis, Wrights Chapel 1 00
Rev. E. L. Stewart, Jonesville 50
Rev. Wm. Johnson, China Grove 30
Miss Minnie Jackson, Mt Zion 50
Mrs. Sallie Thompson, Pleasant Ridge 75

$6 80

Salisbury District.

Mrs. Annie Houser, Dist Pres. W. H. & F. M S.....$8 00
Mrs Annie Houser Y. W H & F M. 3 00
Mrs. Annie Houser, Buds 2 30

$13 30

Miss Mabel E. Harris, Soldiers Mem. Y. W. H. & F. M .. 1 50

$14 80

Statesville District.

Mrs. Annie Robinson W. H. & F. M S $5 00

Lincolnton District.

Mrs. Amanda Galloway, Gastonia, W. H. & F. M. S ..$4 90
Miss Anette Robinson, Y. W. H. & F. M. S 1 00
Miss Mattie Crawford, Clover, S. C. 2 70

$8 60

Total West N. Carolina Conf $71 40

East Tennessee Conference.
Middlesboro District.

Mrs. M. E. Clay, Dist. Pres W. H. & F. M. S. $2 75
Mrs. M. E Clay Mass Meeting Bales Chapel .....
Mrs. M. E. Bailes, Bailes Chapel 1 00
Mrs. Bettie Moore, Middlesboro 1 00
Mrs. Belle Thomas, Big Stone Gap 1 00
Mrs. M. V. Carmack, Needmor 1 00
Mrs. Cornelia Lyons, New Canton 1 00
Mrs. Vinnie Garrett, Greenville 1

$6 00

Buds.

Mrs. R. A. Cobb, Dist Supt.
Mass Meeting, New Canton ... 1 00
Miss Bessie Hoard, New Canton 50
Miss Bessie Hoard, Saunders Chapel 1 00
Rogersville, Tenn. 50

$3 00

Lebanon District.

Mrs. Alice Arvine, Wilder, Va., From Annual Conf. $3 00

Bristol District.

Mrs. Cynthia Smith, Johnson City W. H. & F. M. S $1 50
Miss Ola Redwick, Elizabethtown Buds 40

$1 90

Greenville District

Mrs. F. D. Gaither Middlesboro Buds $3 50

Summary

Middlesboro Dist $11 75
Greenville District 3 50
Lebanon District 3 00
Bristol District 1 90
Total for East Tenn $20 15

Blue Ridge Conference.
Asheville District.

Mrs J. E. Coleman, D. P., W. H & F. M. S.
Mrs. Sophia Mills W. Asheville $1 17
Mrs. Viola Walker, New Market 1 17
Mrs. M. J. Ray, Franklin 1 1
Miss Lelia Logan, Varick Chapel 1 17

$4 68

Mrs C. B. Cowan, D. S., Y. W H & F. M. S.
Miss Hattie Forney, Hopkins Chapel $1 22
Varick Chapel 1 22
Miss Delsie Rogers, Callowhee Chapel 1 23

$3 67

Buds.

Miss Hattie R. Henderson, D. S.
Mrs. J. W. James, New Market $2 00
Mrs. Annie Stepson, Varick Ch 1 00
Mrs Carrie Mangus, Mays Chapel, Franklyn 2 00
Mrs. Ada McHowell, Mays Chapel, Sylva Chapel 2 75
Mrs. Lucy Little, New Market, Tenn, ... 50
Mrs. G. Fortune, Waynesville, Life Member for Ruby Fortune 2 25
Miss Willie D. Young Whitesville 1 00

Hendersonville District.

Mrs. Lilla C. Walton, Morganton, N. C.
Mrs. Lilla C Walton, Sale of tags W. H. & F. M S $4 28
Mrs M. L. Clinton, For Mrs. M. B. Denny, Wilkesboro, N. C. Buds 4 00
Mrs. M. B. Denny, Wilkesboro N. C. Buds 2 00
Mrs Lucy Carpenter, Hendersonville, St Pauls Church Y 2 50
Mrs M. J. Branner, Hendersonville, St. Pauls Church Puds 1 00

$13 78

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S. $8 98
Y. W. H. & F. M. 6 17
Buds 15 25
Buds L. M. 2 25
Total for the Blue Ridge Conference $32 65

Grand total for the District $308 03

Fourth Episcopal District.

Bishop J S. Caldwell.

Philadelphia and Baltimore Conf.
Washington District.

Miss Sarah J. Janifer, D. P
Quarterly Mass Meeting, Burville, D. C., July 18, 1917.
Wesley Metropoltan Church, Washington, D. C. $2 00
Union Wesley Washington, D. C 5 18
Union Wesley, Mrs. Annie Owens, L. M. in full 4
John Wesley 2 00
Galbraith 1 00
Trinity 1 00

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EDITORIAL

We wish for you the blessings of God, health, great prosperity and unbounded success in 1918

The closing year 1917 was one of the most eventful years in the history of the world. Among the many events, none are of more importance than the entry of the United States into the world war and the fall of the Holy City, Jerusalem.

The capture of the Holy City by the British and French, sends across the broad expanse of over two thousand years a thrill that taxes the imagination of the civilized world. But there is one feature that must not be overlooked.

The capture of Jerusalem makes impossible the establishment of the status quo ante bellum. Jerusalem will never again be surrendered to the Turks. We believe that so long as the world stands, this magnificent and glorious city must remain the treasured possession of Jew and Gentile alike. We pray for universal peace. We want it to come early, but not before the entire race of mankind is willing to acknowledge the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

PRAY AND PRAY FOR KNOWLEDGE, NOT RICHES.

For the fruit of success grows on the tree of knowledge. Brother, have you thought for once that knowledge is fitness and fitness is power, and the more knowledge, the greater power, power to do, to achieve, to ride at the head of the made-good procession, "Let's get up and get it." the biggest prizes in the world are waiting for men who know to win them and who are sensible enough to apply their know how. Whether it is your ambition to become a great missionary to spend your life among people of non-christian lands, or professional or ministers and teachers of great note, the know is the preliminary to do. Do you know that promotions and rewards gravitate to men who know. Such men apparently are divinely blessed and seem to make their way without trouble.

Knowledge is a magnet and we all should possess it. No human being can master the best way unless he knows how unless study, prayer and thought have preceeded his attempts. Let's get the best that God has in His big store for us—"knowledge."

The year 1917 was the most successful among the good women of the W. H. and F. Missionary Society As a tribute of honor to our noble women. The Seer appropriates this entire issue for the complete report of the 4th Quarter and the final report of the Missionary Convocation held at Indianapolis Ind., July 1917.

These reports are very encouraging to the entire management of our Zion and we hope that their production will serve as a stimulus to our Missionary working force throughout the Connection.

The December issue, our Xmas Number was posted by express at Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 5th. It was delayed 28 days in transportation from Charlotte to Indianapolis. This explains the lateness of the paper. We hope to have our next issue mailed direct from the post office in Charlotte, N. C., to its subscribers. Read the following reports.

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Burrville	75
Arlington	[illegible]
Rockville, Md.	75
	$17 28

Young Women.

Miss Mary L. Mason, Dist Secy.
Union Wesley, Miss C. Ridgley $1 00
Union Wesley, Miss C. Ridgley, Life Member 2 00
John Wesley, Mrs. G. C. Brown 1 50
John Wesley, Mrs. G C Brown Life Member 1 00
Galbraith, Mrs Ada Battle Life Member 1 00
Burrville, D. C. Mrs. E. Porter 50
Arlington, Va., Mrs E Hennings 1 75
$8 25

Bads of Promise.

Miss Florence B. Wye, Dist. Supt.
Galbraith, Mrs. Nellie Burton $1 00
Trinity, Miss Ruth Smith 50
Arlington, Mrs Mamie Carter . 75
Rockville Md. Mrs Mamie Mason 1 00
$3 25

Total for Philadelphia and Baltimore Conf $28 78

Ohio Conference

Akron District.

Miss Jenuie A. Taylor, D. P., W. H. & F. M. S.
Fourth Mass Meeting.

Avery Mission	$3 00
Sewickley	2 00
New Castle	50
Franklyn	3 00
Akron	1 00
Lisbon	2 00
Salem	1 00
Shalon	1 00
Youngstown	50
Coraopolis	1 00
Mercer	25
Bellevue	50
Jonesville	25
Cincinnati	2 00
Cleveland	50
	$18 50

rs. Hailstork, Sewickly, Pa.,

L. M. $20 00
Mrs. Louise Pringle, Sewickly, Pa., Life Member 12 00
Mrs. Matilda Brown, Lisbon, O 17 50

$40 50

Y. W. H. & F. M S

Mrs Susie Lee, Dist Secy

Avery Mission $3 00
Sewickley 2 00
New Castle 50
Akron 1 00
Salem 1 00
Sharon 25
Youngstown 1 00
Massilon 1 00
Coraopol's 25
Mercer 25
Cincinnati 1 00
Cleveland 1 00

$12 25

Mrs. Lydia Crable, Life member 20 00

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Blanche Dillard, Dist. Supt.

Avery Mission $1 00
Sewickly 2 00
New Castle 1 00
Franklyn 50
Akron 50
Lisbon 50
Salem 50
Youngstown 1 00
Cincinnati 1 00
Cleveland 1 00

$9 50

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S. $18 50
Life Members 49 50
Y. W. H. & F. M. S L M 20 00
Y. W. H. & F. M. S 12 25
Buds of Promise 9 50
Total for the Ohio Conf. $114 25

....West Alabama Conference.....

Mobile District.

Mrs. J. H. McMullen, Dist. Pres.

Mrs J. B. Allen, State St $2 00
Mrs. L. Constantine Big Zion 1 00
Mrs. Amanda Hogans Grand Bay 1 00
Mrs. Ella Brown, Bethlehem and Oakdale 1 00
Mrs. Isabella Stringfellow, Pascagoula, Miss 1 00
Mrs. Mary Gaines, Hope Chapel 50
Mrs. Edwards, Spring Hill 1 00
Public Collectionn 1 75

$9 25

Y. W. H. & F. M S.

Mrs Lucinda Mills, State St ..$1 00
Mrs Mary Gaines Hope Chapel W. H. & F. M. S $5 00

Total for West Alabama Conference $15 25

Grand total for District $158 28

Fifth Episcopal District.

Bishop G. L. Blackwell.

Western New York Conference.

Genesee District.

Mrs. Amey Fonnville, Dist Pres. W. H. & F. M. S.

Rochester $3 00
Ithaca 6 00
Auburn 1 00
Buffalo 2 00
Towando 20 00
Norwich 5 00
Cloversville 1 00

OHIO CONFERENCE—Continued.

Buds of Promise—(Continued).

Lisbon ..... .50
Salem ..... .50
Youngstown 1.00
Cincinnati 1.00
Cleveland 1.00

$ 9.50

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 18.50
Life members 49.50
Y. W. H. & F. M. S. L. M.... 20.00
Y. W. H. & F. M. S. L. M.... 12.25
Buds of Promise 9.50

Total for the Ohio Conf.....$114.25

WEST ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

W. H. & F. M. S. Mobile District.

Mrs. J. H. McMullen Dist. Pres. $ 2.00
Mrs J. B Allen, State St.... 1.00
Mrs. L Constantine, Big Zion.. 1.00
Mrs. Amanda Hogans, Grand Bay 1.00
Mrs Ella Brown, Bethlehem and Oakdale 1.00
Mrs. Isabella Stringfellow, Pascagoula, Miss. 1.00
Mrs Mary Gaines. Hope Chapel .50
Mrs. Edwards, Spring Hill.. 1.00
Public collection 1.75

$ 9.25

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs Lucinda Mills. State St... 1.00
Mrs Mary Gaines. Hope Chapel W H & F M S..... 5.00
Total for West Ala. Conf ..$ 15.25
Grand total for District, $158.28.

FIFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Biishop G. L. Blackwell.

Western New York Conference, Genesee District.

Mrs Amey Fonville Dist. Pres.
W. H. & F. M. S.

Rochester .....$ 3.00
Ithaca 6.00
Auburn 1.00
Buffalo 2.00
Towando 20.00
Norwich 5.00
Gloversville 1.00
Johnstown 1.00
Syracuse 5.00
Schharie ..... .50
Public collection 18.72

Buffalo Y. W. H. & F. M..... 1.00
Rochester Buds of Promise.... 1.00
Buffalo 1.00
Gloversville 3.00

$ 5.00

Grand total for District, $69.22.

Mrs. Harriett Powell, Towanda, From Church and Sunday School W. H. & F. M. .....$ 17.00
Mrs. M. E. Bailey, Syracuse Buds 2.00

$ 19.00

Mrs. Amey Fonville, Annual Conference:

Rochester .....$ 6.80
Syracuse 1.25
Schenectady ..... .25
Saratoga Springs 1.00
Yonkers 1.00
Lackawana 1.00
Gloversville 2.35

$ 13.65

Young Women.

Gloversville 2.00

Buds of Promise.

Yonkers ..... .50
Gloversville 5.00
Lackawana 1.00

$ 6.50

Public collection from Annual Conference 5.27

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S..... 99.14
Y. W. H. & F. M. S..... 3.00
Buds of Promise 13 50

Total for Western New York Conference $115.64

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Chicago District.

Bishop C. L. Blackwell from Annual Conference June 13, 1917.

Mrs D H. Thomas, Dist. Pres.
W. H. & F. M S. .....$ 5.00
Miss L. I. Browder, Y. W. H. & F. M. 3.00
Mrs. E. G. Berry, Buds 15 00

$ 23.00

Detroit District.

Mrs. T. S. Allen, Dist. Pres., From Annual Conference, June 13, 1917 .....$ 28.75

Miss Arah Hughes, Dist. Sec'y.

Mrs Mabel Jenkins, Hamtramick .....$ 2 00
Mrs. Cora Jones, Walker's Chapel 3.00
Mrs. Cornelia Thomas, St. Paul,

Detroit 1.00

$ 6.00

Buds of Promise.

Miss Sarah Hughes, Buds at Windsor $5.00
Miss Sarah Hughes, St. Paul, Detroit 1.00
Miss Sarah Hughes, Mass Meeting Y.'s 3.50
Miss Sarah Hughes, Public Col. 3.00

$ 12 50

Grand total, $18.50.

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 33.75
Y. W. H. & F. M. S 15.50
Buds 21.00

Total for the Michigan Conf. $70.25

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Norfolk District.

Mrs. E. V. Parson, Dist. Pres.

Mrs. Mary T. Williams, Gabriel's Chapel .....$ 3.00

Petersburg District.

Mrs. Nannie Brooks, Dist. Pres.

Mrs. Quna R. Bailey, Wakefield, Va., ...$ 3 00

Summary.

Petersburg Dist., W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 3.00
Norfolk Dist., W. H. & F. M. S. 3.00

Total for Virginia Conference $ 6.00

WEST CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Greensboro District.

Miss Mamie Turner, first mass meeting W. H. & F. M. S....$ 17.00
Miss Bessie Fushee, Y. W. H. & F. M. S. 6.00
Mrs. L. A. Deberry, Buds of Promise 7.00

$ 30.00

Concord District.

Mrs. L. A. Litaker, D. P., W. H. & F. M. S.

Mass meeting, July 25, 1917, W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 17 00
Mrs Mamie Haynes, Y. W. H. & F. M. S. 15.90
Mrs. Effie White, Buds of Promise 10.75

$ 43 65

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 34 00
Y. W. H. & F. M. S..... 21.90
Buds of Promise 17 75

Total for West Central Conf...$ 73 65
Grand total for the district, $265.54

SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
Bishop A. J. Warner.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Washington District.

Mrs. N. E. Nixon for Rev G. A. Wood, Wilson, N. C., W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 1.50

Mrs. C. L. Parker, Mass Meeting
Mrs. Eliza Havens, Washington, N. C., Y. W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ .55
Mrs. Della Latham, Greenville 3 50
Mrs. Louise Dunn, Tarboro.... 3 50
Mrs. Clara Harper, Hookertown 1.10
Rev. W. O. Cowell..... .50

$ 9.15

Miss Carrie Boon .....$ 1.00
Mrs. Louise Dunn, St. Paul's Church, Tarboro 5.00

$ 6.00

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 1.50
Y. W. H. & F. M. S..... 15.15

Total for N. C. Conference....$ 16.65

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

Goldsboro District.

Rev. P. H. Moseley for Miss Lizzie Brock, Dist. Pres., W. H. & F. M S.:

Dudley's Circuit, N. P. Walker $ 1.00
Mt. Olive, Rev. A. E. Hudson 3.00
Stantonburg, Rev. J. T. Jackson 1.75
Kingston, Rev. E. J. Kornegay 3.00
Magnolia Circuit, Rev. T. G. Harrison 4.00
LaGrange, Rev. A. J. Rhodes.. 4.00
Paul's Chapel, Rev. J. B. Martin 4.00

$ 20.75

Mrs. Willie D Thompson, Zion Church, Goldsboro 5.00

$ 25.75

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. S. A. Cook, Dist. Sec'y.

Mrs S. A. Cook. for the Dist...$ 5.00
Miss Lizzie Kelly, Goldsboro Church 1.00

$ 6.00

Buds of Promise.

Miss Sarah L. Oliver, Dist. Supt for district .....$ 7.00

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 25.75
Y W. H. & F. M. S..... 6.00
Buds of Promise 7.00

Total for Cape Fear Conf.....$ 38.75
Grand total for District, $55.40.

SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.
Bishop L. W. Kyles.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

Kansas City District.

Mrs. M. B. Douglass, Dist. Pres.

W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 6.00

Mrs. M L. Clinton for Bertie Brown, Buds .....$ 3.00

Miss Eula Brown, Kansas City $ 2.50
Miss Annie Prince, Varick..... 1.00
Miss Glendoline Querles, St. Matthews ..... .75

$ 4.25

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 51.50
Buds of Promise 7.25

Bishop Kyles, for Annual Conference June 12, 1917 .....$ 45.50
Total for Missouri Conference $ 58.75

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Indianapolis District.

Mrs. Belle Streets, Dist. Pres.

Miss Minnie Edwards, Jones Tab. L. M. for Mrs. Belle Streets .....$ 10.00
Mrs. Lillie McKinney, St. Marks L. M., for Mrs. Belle Streets 3.67
Mrs. Lulu Bonapare, Mesiah Temple L. M., for Mrs Belle. Streets ..... .25
Mrs. Belle Streets, Life Member 6.00

$ 20.01

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Lellia Bright, Caldwell's Church .....$ 2.05
Mrs. Lellia Bright, Caldwell's Church, supply department.. .25

$ 22.31

Y .W. H. & F. M. S.

Miss Laura Chambers, Jones Tab .....$ 2.00
Miss Laura Chambers, Jones Tab, supply department.... .10
Miss Minnie Taber, Caldwell Church 3.00
Miss Minnie Taber, Caldwell Church supply department.. .10

$ 5.20

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Alice McGowan, district superintendent .....$ 2.00
Mrs. Alice McGowan, Life Mem. 20.00
Mrs. Alice McGowan, supply department ..... .05
Miss Lillie Carson, St. Mark's .47
Miss Lillie Carson, St. Mark's supply department ..... .10

$ 22.62

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 22.31
Y. W. H. & F. M. S. 5.20
Buds of Promise 22.62
Other sources ..... .12

Total for Indiana Conference..$ 50.25

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Bishop L. W. Kyles, Annual Conference .....$ 32.00

Helena District.

Mrs. Amanda Davis, Little Rock, Ark., W. H. & F. M. S..... 8.00

Total N. Arkansas Conf.....$ 40.00

OREGON CONFERENCE.

Mrs. Fannie Crosby, Portland, Ore., W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 2.00

Total Oregon Conference .....$ 2.00

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. Josephine Bishop, Modest, Cal., W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 1.00

Total California Conference....$ 1.00
Grand total for the District, $152.00

EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Bishop R. B. Bruce.

Rock Hill District.

Miss L. E. Whiteside, W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 5.00
Miss J. E. Ramseur, Y. W. H. & F. M. S. 10.00

$ 15.00

York-Chester District.

Mrs S. M. Bird, W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 5.00
Mrs. A. G. Branch, Buds of Promise 3.50
South Carolina 2.00

$ 10.50

Cheraw District.

Mrs. C. E. Bingham, Dist. Pres.
Mrs. Costella McRay, Dillon, S. C. .....$ 1.00
Mrs. E. C. Bingham, Dillon Y. W. H. & F. M. S..... 1.00
Mrs. C. L. Palmer, Dillon Buds of Promise 1.00

Summary.

W. H. & F. M .S. .....$ 13.00
Y. W. H & F. M. S..... 11.00
Buds of Promise 4 50

Total for S. C. Conf. .....$ 28.50

PALMETTO CONFERENCE.

Mrs. J. C. Baum, W. H. & F. M S. .....$ 9.00
Mrs. R. B. Bruce, Charlotte, N. C., Life Member 20.00

Total for Palmetto Conference.$ 29.00

GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

Atlanta District.

Mrs. R. B. Bruce, for Mrs. A. L. Martin, W. H. & F. M. S...$ 5.00

Total for Georgia Conference..$ 5.00

Summary.

Palmetto Conference W H. & F. M. S. .....$ 9.00
Life Member 20.00
Georgia Conference 5.00

Grand total for District, $62.50.

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT,

Bishop W. L. Lee.

TEXAS CONFERENCE,

Calvert District.

Mrs. Pearl Stewart, W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 2.00

Total for Texas Conference..$ 2.00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Delhi District.

Mrs. C. B. Hughes, Tulla, La., Y. W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 1.25

Total for Louisiana Conf.....$ 1.25

Summary.

Texas Conf. W. H. & F. M. S..$ 2.00
Louisiana Conf. Y. W. H. & F. M. S. 1.25

Grand total for District.....$ 3.25

TENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT,

Bishop G. C. Clement.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Chattanooga District.

Mrs. Bertha Singleton, St. Elmore, 3rd quarter, Buds...$ .75

Athens District.

Mrs. A. C. Louden, Louden Ch., W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 1.50

LaFollette District.

Mrs. R. C .Galloway, Rockwood, Buds .....$ 2.00

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 1 50
Buds 2.75

Total for Tennessee Conf.....$ 4 25

WEST TENNESSEE AND MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCES.

Coffeeville District.

Mrs. Texaner Williams, Charleston, Miss., W. H. & F. M. S..$ 10.00
Mrs. Leon Booker, Y. W. H. & F. M. S. 8.00
Mrs. Fannie House, Buds of Promise 7.00

$ 25.00

Summer District.

Mrs. Ella Sanders, Drew, Miss., Pres., W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 9.00

Marks District.

Mrs. Leon Cole, Lambert, Miss., Buds .....$ 5.00
Bishop G. C. Clement for Mrs. A. P. Petty, W. H. & F. M. S..$ 6.00
Mrs. Leon Cole, W. H. & F. M. S. 6.00

$ 12.00

Summary.

W. H. & F. M .S.....$ 31.00
Y. W. H. & F. M. S 8.00
Buds of Promise 12.00

Total for West Tenn. and Miss. Conference .....$ 51.00

WEST KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

Madisonville District.

Mrs. Sadie R. Foulke, Greenville, Y. W. H. & F. M. S., Sale of Heart .....$ .25
Mrs. Virdie McCain, St. Charles, Ky., Buds 1.25

Summary.

Y. W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ .25
Buds of Promise 1 25

Total for West Kentucky Conf..$ 1.50

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Annual Conference ,W. H. & F. M. S. .....$ 8.00

Total for Oklahoma Conf.....$ 8.00

REPORT BY CONFERENCES,

Mrs. Henrietta Peters.

Stoner's Chapel, by receipt...$ 2.00
Johnson City, cash 13.35
Knoxville, Tenn, cash 15.70
Maryville, Tenn., cash 5.00
Athens, Tenn. 8.07
Cleveland, Tenn. ..... .15
Thompkins Ch., Chat., Tenn.... 3.68
St Elmore 3.50
Fort Cheatham 1.50
Orchard Knob 1.00
Soddy, Tenn. 1.00
Dayton, Tenn. ..... .62
Rockwood. Tenn. 9.50
M. E. Church (Rev. Shambogue 5.29

By Cash .....$ 68 36
By receipt 2.00

Total .....$ 70 36
Total for Tennessee Conf.. $70.36.
Grand total for Districts, $135 11.
Grand total from all sources $1,432.98

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS.

First Episcopal District.

New York Conference $245 82
New England Conference..... 27 00
Central N. C. Conference..... 20.00

Total district $292.87

Second Episcopal District—Bishop G. W. Clinton.

New Jersey Conference $183.85
Western N. C. Conference..... 71.40
Blue Ridge Conference..... 32 63
East Tennessee Conference.... 20.15

Total district $308.03

Fourth Episcopal Conference—Bishop J. C. Caldwell.

Philadelphia and Baltimore.... 28.78
Allegheny. See Convocation.
Ohio Conference 114.25
W. Alabama Confeernce..... 15.25

Total for district $158.28

Fifth Episcopal District—Bishop G. L. Blackwell.

Western N. Y. Conference	$115 64
Michigan Conference	70.25
Virginia Conference	6.00
Total for district	$265.54

Sixth Episcopal District—Bishop A. J. Warner.

North Carolina Conference	$ 16.65
Cape Fear Conference	38.75
Grand total	$ 55.40

Seventh Episcopal District—Bishop L. W. Kyles.

Indiana Conference	$ 50.25
Missouri Conference	58.75
North Arkansas Conference	40.00
Oregon Conference	2.00
California Conference	1.00
Grand total for district	$152.00

Eighth Episcopal District—Bishop R. B. Bruce.

South Carolina Conference	$ 28 50
Palmetto Conference	29 00
Georgia Conference	5.00
Total for district	$ 62.50

Ninth Episcopal District—Bishop W. L. Lee.

Texas Conference	$ 2.00
Louisiana Conference	1.25
Total for district	$ 3.25

Tenth Episcopal District—Bishop G. C. Clement.

Tennessee Conference	$ 4 25
West Tenn. and Miss Conference	.51
West Tennessee and Mississippi Conference	51.00
West Kentucky	1.50
Oklahoma Conference	8.00
Through Tenn. Mrs. H. Peters	70.36
Total for district	$135.11

Episcopal District.

First Bishop	$ 292.87
Second Bishop—G. W. Clinton	308.03
Third Bishop—J. A. Alstork	.....
Fourth Bishop—J. S. Caldwell	158 28
Fifth Bishop—G. L. Blackwell	265.54
Sixth Bishop—A. J. Warner	55.40
Seventh Bishop—L. W. Kyles.	152.00
Eighth Bishop—R. B. Bruce	62.50
Ninth Bishop—W. L. Lee	3 25
Tenth Bishop—G. C. Clement.	135.11
Grand total ten districts	$1,432.98

DISBURSEMENTS

June 1916 to June 1917.

June 11, paid by Mrs. Amy Fouville as follows:

Donation to Syracuse Church $12.50.

Donation to Rev. H. J. Johnson, $1.80.

Expenses, sale of hearts, $5.00.

District expenses and traveling expenses of officers $16.42.

June 18, paid by Mrs. A. C. Boyd for supply department, receipts $6.20; cash $9.85.

Education of Mrs. Peters' African child, cash $27.50.

June 18, paid Rev. J. J. Pearce, African work, $12.00.

June 18, paid Mrs. H. Peters, Quittah fund, $10.00.

June 19, paid by Mrs. F. Allen to Rev. Pearce, African work, $4.75.

June 18, paid by Mrs. Inez Cruse to Rev. Pearce, African work, $3.25

June 18, paid by Mrs. T. A. Auten, supply department, cash 65c.

June 18, paid by Mrs. T. A. Auten, contingent fund, cash $2 00.

June 29, paid by Miss Lillian Browder, postage, cash 12c.

June 29, paid office supplies for treasurer, $2.65.

June 29, paid by Mrs Ida V. Wallace Brooklyn, N. Y. to reserve fund, supply department, $1.75.

June 30, paid postage, treasurer's office, $1.98.

Grand total for June $118.42.

July 10. to A. Zechtl & Co., stamping blank ledgers, $1.40.

July 12, to Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, $15.00.

July 30. To Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, salary, June and July, $50.00.

July 30, to Mrs. M. L. Clinton, salary, June and July $25 00.

July 30, To Mrs. Ida V. Smith, salary, June and July, $41 66.

July 30, To Miss V. Richardson, salary, June and July, $25.00.

July 30, To reserved Treas. life members, $44.50.

July 30, To reserved Treas., supply department, $10.65.

July 30, To general Treas., postage, $1.72.

Total July $214.93

Aug. 8, Mrs. H. Peters travel through Tenn. conference, balance $2.00; cash, 27.75.

Aug. 8, African children, $50 00.

Aug. 8, Reserved fund, $134.85.

Aug. 8, Quittah Fund, $49.32.

Aug. 8, Treasurer's annual report for council at Chicago, $5.00.

Aug. 8, office supply, postage at Chicago, $6.20.

Receipts $51.32; cash, $223.80.

Disbursements, receipts $123.24; cash $485.00; whole amount $608.47.

RECEIVED CASH AND RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS.

June, receipts	$ 71.92
August, receipts	51.32
Total	$123.24
June, cash	$ 466.50
July, cash	214.93
August, cash	223.80
Total	$485.23
June	$ 434 95
July	299.47
August	707.56
Total	$1,551.98
Disbursement	608.47
Cash balance	$ 833.51
Paid out by receipt to Dr. [illegible] W.	$123.24
Paid out by check to Dr. Wood, A. W.	710.27
Total to Foreign Work	$833.51

No balance.

Summary.

W. H. & F. M.	$1,035.32
Y. W. H. & F. M.	179.82
Buds of Promise	211.83
Miscellaneous	15.00
Grand total from all sources	$1,441 98
Life Members	$134.85
Supply Department	22.90
By receipt	6.20
Quittah Fund	49.32
Educational Child	77.50
Contingent Fund	2.00
Receipt to Missionaries	32.00
Home Mission	35.82

LIFE MEMBERS IN FULL.

July 5, 1917—Mrs. Bell Streets, Indianapolis, Ind.

July 5, 1917—Mrs. Alice McGowan, Indianapolis, Ind.

August 7, 1917—Mrs. Annie Owens, Washington, D. C.

August 7, 1917—Mrs. Henrietta Bruce, Charlotte, N. C.

August 7, 1917—Mrs. Ida Barber, Charlotte, N. C.

August 21, 1917—Mrs. Minnie Hailstock, Sewickley, Pa.

August 21, 1917—Mrs. Lydia Crable, Pittsburgh, Pa.

August 21, 1917—Mrs. Louise Pringle, Lisbon, Ohio.

August 21, 1917—Mrs. Matilda Brown, Sewickley, Pa.

REPORT CONVOCATION,

Indianapolis, Ind., Continued at Chicago, Ill., August 2, 1917.

Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Treas.

ALLEGHANY CONFERENCE.

FOURTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Bishop J. S. Caldwell.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Dist. Pres.

Rev. F. F. Combash, for Mrs. Pearl Young	$ 1.70
Mrs Rosa Hopewell, Pittsburgh, Pa.	20.00
Mrs. Lillie Parkham, Pittsburgh Pa.	20.00
Mrs. Daisy Crane, Pittsburgh,	

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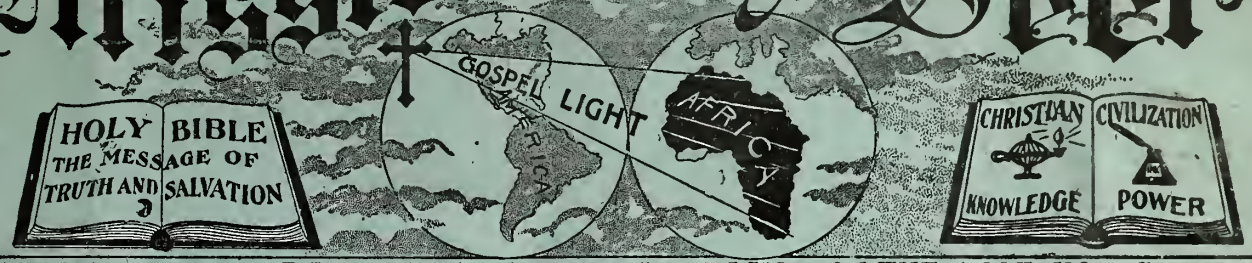

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(Continued from last month)

Pa.	20.00
Mrs. Julia Hammock, Pittsburgh, Pa.	20.00
Mrs. Emma Lewis, Pittsburgh, Pa.	20.00
Mrs. Helen McCrea, Pittsburgh, Pa.	20.00
Dr. Hawkins, Gen. Treas.	2.00
Dr. Hawkins, Life Member	14.00
Mrs. Lewis, Homewood, Pa.	1.00
Mrs. Lydia Butler	5.00
Mrs. Lena Toliver, Mt. Washington	1.50
Mrs. Mary Coy, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	2.00
Mrs. W. M. Randolph, Blairsville, Pa.	2.00
Rev. T. J. Wynn, Bedford, Pa.	1.00
Mary Burns, Altoona, Pa.	.50
Mrs. Maggie Watkins, Carnegie, Pa.	20.00
Mrs. Martha Clinton, Carnegie, Pa.	20.00
Mrs. Maggie Watkins, Carnegie, Pa.	4.00
Mrs. Ada M. Hall, Johnstown, Pa., Life Member	20.00
Mrs. Emily Stevenson, Life Member	5.00
Mrs. Ollie Renells, Life Mem.	20.00
Mrs. Lecture Smith, Life Mem.	11.00
Mrs. Pearl Young, Life Mem.	1.50
Mrs. Pearl Young, Mardsdale, Life Member	1.50
Mrs. F. L. Butler, Uniontown, Life Member	.50
Mrs. Jennie Simpson, Oakdale, Pa.	2.00
Mrs. Pearl Bisbee, Scottdale, Pa.	1.00
Total	$257.70

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Goldie Hamilton, J. W. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.	$ 20.00
John Wesley Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.00
Miss Ellen Pool for Anna Terry, Johnstown, Pa.	20.00
Rev. A. J. Wakefield, Johnstown, Pa.	20.00
Cornelia Coby, W. E., Pitts, burgh, Pa.	4.00
Rosana Scott, Myersdale, Pa.	1.50
Rev. T. J. Wynn, Bedford, Pa.	.50
Rev. T. J. Wynn, Bedford, Pa.	1.50
Sara McGill, Washington, Pa.	.50
Miss Emily Lewis, Homewood, Pa.	.50
Rev. B. F. Combash, for Miss Rosa Scott	1.70
Total	$ 73.70

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Lena Harris, Dist. Supt.

Mrs. Mattie Watson, John Wesley	$ 4.50
Mrs. Ollie Allen, Homewood, Pa.	2.50
Mrs. Effie Gray, Altoona, Pa.	.50
Mrs. Myrtle Washington, West End, Pa.	3.00
Mrs. Bessie Dangerfield, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	1.00
Rev. Butler, Uniontown, Pa.	.50
Miss Rosa Thomas, Myersdale, Pa.	1.00
Miss Etta Harris, Bedford, Pa.	1.50
Miss David Fulton, Mt. Washington, Pa.	1.00
Miss Rosetta Moore, Carnegie, Pa.	.50
Rev. J. B. Buddin, Washington, Pa.	.50
Miss Pauline Page, Blairsville, Pa.	1.00
Miss Freddie Wooten, Oakdale, Pa.	.50
Miss Pauline Page, Life Mem.	5.00
Miss Rosetta Moore, Carnegie, Pa.	5.00
Miss Christie Hill, Johnstown, Pa.	.50
Miss Christie Hill, for Laura Cook, Life Member	20.00
Rev. B. F. Combash, for Miss Rosie Thomas	1.70
Total	$ 50.20

W. H. & F. M. S.	$ 25.70
Supply	2.00
Life Members	230.00
Total	$258.70

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.	$ 12.70
Life Members	60.00
Total	$ 72.70

Buds of Promise	$20.20
Life Members	30.00
Total	$ 50.20

Total Allegheny Conference, $381.60.

OHIO CONFERENCE,

Mrs. Jennie Taylor, Dist. Pres.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Stanley Mills, Indianapolis, Ind.	$ 5.00
Mrs. Carrie Mossett, Sewickley, Pa. (At Chicago)	5.00
Total	$ 10.00

Total Ohio Conference, $10.00.

Grand total for District, $391.70.

FIFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT,

Bishop G. L. Blackwell.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE,

Chicago District.

Mrs. Deliah Thomas, Dist. Pres.

Walters Church	$ 6.85
E. Green, for D. Thomas	20.00
Total	$ 26.85
Mrs. E. Green, supply, Life Member	20.00

Grand total .....$ 46.85

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Miss Lillian Browder, Dist. Sec.

Mrs. Ruth Hicks, Kankakee Ill. .....$ 1.00
Mrs. Virginia Claxton 2.00
Mrs. Virginia Claxton, Life Member 20.00
Miss Lillian Browder 20.00

Total .....$ 43.00

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Yates, Walters Ch.....$ 1.00

Total for District, $90.85.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Detroit District.

Mrs. F. S. Allen, Dist. Pres., Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. F. S. Allen, from the dist..$ 5.00
Mrs. F. S. Allen, at Chicago, Ill. 5.00

Total .....$ 10.00

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Hughes .....$ 2.50

Total .....$ 12.50
Total Michigan Conf., $103.35.
d total for Chicago, $103.35.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE,

St. Louis District.

& F. M., Lucy Bledsoe..$ 5.00
W. H. & F. M. S., F. Alstork 5.00
ds of Promise, J. C. Roberts 500

Total Missouri Conference..$ 15.00

INDIANA CONFERENCE,

Indianapolis District.

Mrs. Bellee Streets, Dist. Pres.

W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 27.00
Gertrude Johnson, Dist. Sect.: Indianapolis Dist. and Indiana Conference 73.27
Mrs. Laura Chambers, Jones Tabernacle 10.00
Mrs. Tabor, Caldwell Chapel.. 10.00

Buds of Promise.

Mrs. Foster, Phoenix Chapel...$ 1.02
Mrs. E. W. Brooks, Caldwell Chapel 5.00
Mrs. Helen McCowan, Jones Tabernacle 20.00
Supplies ..... .25

Total .....$ 26.27
Indianapolis Dist. and Indiana Conference, $73.27.

TENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE,

Louisville District.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Annie Weeden, Dist. Ures.

Mass meeting, public collection $ 3.04
Mrs. Jonnie Mills, Broadway Temple 13.00
Mrs. H. Peters, lecture:..... 1.00
Mrs. Lizzie Pierce, Jacob St. Church 20.83
Mrs. Peters, lecture ..... .48
Mrs. Lizzie Pierce, Jacob St. Church 19.00
Mrs. Annie Gates, Stoner's Chapel 4.58
Mrs. Peters, lecture 2.00
Rev. Weeden, New Albany, Ind. .55
Mrs. Rose, Jeffersonville..... 1.12
Mrs. Dickerson, Goose Creek... 1.25
Mrs. Buchanan, Taylortown... 1.00
Rev. Hendricks, St. Luke..... 1.00
Rev. Hendricks, Jenkins Chapel .50
Mrs. M. E. Walker, 15th St.... .77

Total .....$ 70.12

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Katie Harrison, Dist. Sec.

Miss Frankie Wallace, Jacob Street Church .....$ 22.50
Mrs. H. Peters, lecture..... .48
Miss Mattie Davis, Stone Chapel 1.70
Miss Hattie M. Helm, Broadway Temple 9.00
Mrs. H. Peters, lecture 1.00

Total .....$ 34.68

LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Lydia Brookens.....$ 1.58
Mrs. G. C. Clement 1.00
Miss Mary Merritt 2.50
Mrs. R. B. Hendricks 1.00
Mrs. Jennie Mills ..... .26

Total .....$ 6.33

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Lydia Brookens, Dist. Sec.

Mrs. Gertrude Claudy, Jacob Tabernacle .....$ 2.61
Mrs. H. Peters, lecture, receipt ..... .50
Mrs. A. Kinard, Broadway Tem. 2.25
Mrs. Ritta Johnson, Stoner's Chapel 2.25
Mrs. Dickerson, Tylertown .. .50
Goose Creek ..... .50
Tag Day Money 3.04
Public collection at Dist. Conf. .64
15th St. Church Society..... .76
Mrs. Brooken 7.58

Total .....$ 20.07

W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 70.12
Y. W. H. & F. M. S..... 34.68
Buds of Promise 20.07
Life Member's Council 25 00
Mrs. Peters, M. E. Church, receipt 8.00

Total Louisville District....$139.20

Bardstown District.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Bloomfield, Ky. $11.00

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Lizzie Hickman, Bloomfield .....$ 4.00
Mrs. Narcissus Smith, Bardstown, Ky. 1.00

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Laura Calbert, Bloomfield, Ky. .....$ 1.00
Mrs. Churchill, Beechfork, Ky. .50
Mrs. Addie Holmes, Bardstown, Ky. 2.10
Mrs. Amanda Muir, lecture by T. Peters 5.00
Personal at Miss. Conf. 1.50

Total .....$ 10.10
Public collection at Convention, Bloomfield, Ky. .....$ 6.15

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 11.00
Y. W. H. & F. M. S..... 5.00
Buds 10.00
Public collection 6.15
M. E. Church 8.00

Total .....$ 40.25
Total Kentucky Conference, $179.45.

WEST KENTUCKY CONFERENCE,

Madisonville District.

Mrs. Lucy Selectman, Dist. Pres.

Mrs. Lucy Selectman.....$ 13.65
Mrs. H. Peters, lecture..... 20.00

Total .....$ 33.65
Total Madisonville Dist., $33.65.

Russellville District.

W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. E. M. Gough, Dist. Pres.

Mass meeting .....$ 3.45
Mrs. H. Peters, lecture..... 26.00
Mrs. Fannie Johnson, Central City 2.50
Mrs. Louise Wooten, Drakesboro Ky. 3.50
Mrs. James Edwards, Russellville 1.00
Mrs. E. B. Williams, Adairsville 2.50
Mrs. Elsie Harrison, Greenville 2.50
Mrs. Katie Scott, Clarksville... 2.50
Mrs. Evelyn Dobbins, Oakville 2.50
Mrs. Lulia Austin, Taylor Mines 1.00
Mrs. Charlotte Neuton, S. Carrolton 1.00

Total .....$ 48.45

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Mrs. Sadie Folks, Dist. Stc.

Greenville .....$ 1.50
Central City 1.50
Smith Grove ..... .50
Collection at Convention 1.30

Total .....$ 4.80

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Greenville .....$ 1.50
Central City ..... .50
Russellville 1.50
Taylor Mines 1.50
Taylor Mines 1.00
Smith Grove 1.00
Collection at Convention..... 1.25

Total .....$ 8.75

Summary.

W. H. & F. M. S.....$ 48.45
Y. W. H. & F. M. S..... 4.80
Buds of Promise 6.75

Total .....$ 60.00
Total West Kentucky Conf..$ 93.65
Grand Total for District....$238.85

MISCELLANEOUS.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Laura, Chairman, Finance Com.
Mrs. Martha H. Brown, Secretary.

Public collection .....$ 73.43
Registration 45.00
Bazaar 1.25
Tag Day 50.55

Total $170.33
Total Indiana $173.33

Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Ella J. Caldwell, Chairman Finance Committee.
Mrs. Henrietta Peters, Chairman Bazaar.

Public Collection .....$ 62.15
Bazaar 21.08

Total Chicago .....$ 83.23

Summary.

Public collection $135.58
Registration 45.00
Bazaar 22.33
Tag Day 50.65
Life Members 6.33

Total $278.56

BY CONFERENCES AND DISTRICTS

Fourth Episcopal District, Bishop J. S. Caldwell.

Alleghany Conference $381.60
Ohio Conference 10.00

Grand total $391.60

Fifth Episcopal District, Bishop G. L. Blackwell.

Michigan Conference $103.35

Grand Total $103.35

Seventh Episcopal District, Bishop L. W. Kyles.

Missouri Conference .....$ 15.00
Indiana Conference 73.27

Grand total .....$ 88.27

Tenth Episcopal District, Bishop G. C. Clement.

Kentucky Conference $179.45
West Kentucky Conference... 93.65

Grand total $273.10

Fourth, Bishop J. S. Caldwell..$391.60
Fifth, Bishop G. L. Blackwell.. 103.35
Seventh, Bishop L. W. Kyles.. 88.27
Tenth, Bishop G. C. Clement.. 273.10

Total by districts $856.32

By Districts .....$ 856.32
Miscellaneous 278.56

Grand total from all sources $1,134.88

CONVOCATION.

Expenses at Indianapolis, Ind.

August 3, 1917.

Bishop G. C. Clement, traveling expenses .....$ 18.00

Bishop L. W. Kyles for Indiana

August 5, 1917.

Rev. S. D. Davis, pastor..... 10.00
Church 10.00
Organist 1.00
Sexton 2.00
Bishop L. W. Kyles for Missouri Conference 15.00
Bishop L. W. Kyles for Indian Conference 29.17
Dr. J. W. Wood, printing circulars and letters 16.00
Miss Frankie Wallace, reporter Star and Seer 1.25
Mrs. Emma Clement, secretary 5.00
Mrs. Martha Brown, secretary 1.50
Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, extra services, convocation..... 10.00
Mrs. Maria Clinton, donation.. 5.00
Mrs. Victoria Richardson, dona. 5.00
Reserved fund, Life Members.. 320.00
Life Members 6.33
Matrons 19.00
Supply 27.25
William Watson, 500 hearts... 15.00
Mrs. Henrietta Peters, exp. from Rockwood, Tenn..... 58.77

Total expenses $593.27

Expenses of Chicago, Illinois.

August 10, 1917.

Mrs. J. W. Crockett, 3000 cards.$ 5.00
Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, 700 programmes for convocation ... 8.50

August 11, 1917.

Mrs. S. G. Davis, secretary Life Members' Council, postage receipt books and stationery.. 1.85

August 14, 1917.

Mrs. Emma Clement, Secy.... 5.00
Mrs. Lizzie Pierce 5.00
Miss Victoria Richardson, expenses from Salisbury to Chicago and return 41.50
Literature mailing and postage 6.24
Mrs. Lizzie Pierce, traveling expenses to Louisville and return 19.95
Draft book and stationery..... 1.75
Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, expenses from Philadelphia to Chicago and return 41.87
Postage 9.45
Silk and cloth 1.20
Banner and printing 2.50
Miss Florence Randolph, expenses from Jersey City to Indianapolis and return..... 44.54
Mrs. M. L. Clinton, from Charlotte to Indianapolis and return 41.50
Printing, mailing of letters and 1,000 hearts 5.80

August 11, 1917.

Mrs. Ida V. Smith, from Washington, D. C., to Indianapolis and return 43.96
Miss Daisy Johnson, donation 5.00
Miss Florence Randolph, donation 10.00
Prof. Alonzo Johnson, organist Chicago Church 5.00
Mailing of letters and tablets 2.80

Total for Chicago $308.41
Total for Indianapolis..... 593.27
Receipt 8.00

Total disbursements $909.68

Received from all sources....$1,134.8
Disbursements 9

Cash Balance .....$ 225

Findings On Conference On Africa August 21, 22 1917

The Menace or Opportunity.

1. This Conference would impress upon the Christian World and especially upon the Protestant churches of America the [illegible] ninance of the present [illegible] the history of African Missions [illegible] the responsibility resting upon the Christian Church to provide [illegible] the resources of men and money the strategy in the disposal [illegible] Christian forces and the outpouring of prayer that shall make it possible to use to the full the God-given opportunity to take Africa for Christ; and the Conference points to the following facts as indicating the critical importance of immediate action:

a. The far-reaching psychological and spiritual effects of the war which is changing profoundly the mental horizon of every race and tribe in the African continent.

b. The political readjustments that must follow the war which will affect the destinies of Africa's peoples more profoundly than any political event since the Berlin Conference of 1884.

c. The Mohammedan menace, which threatens to become more serious as a religious propaganda as Mohammedan political power wanes.

d. The sudden impinging upon the native in many parts of the continent of a European civilization before whose moral temptations and economic pressure he must go down to racial ruin unless that civilization be interpreted to him in terms

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EDITORIAL

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord, look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.—Isa. 51-1.

Almighty God, who neither slumbereth nor sleepest, protect and assist, we beseech thee. All those at home and all those whom thou hast called to serve among the heathen abroad. Yea, by land and by sea. Protect those who are armed to defend our country in the air, on land and sea. Arm them with thy defence and preserve them from all perils. And being armed and filled with wisdom and girded with strength, may they do their full duty in all things good to thy honor and glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFRICANS LEARNING FRENCH.

It is with interest, we note the change and trend of things among the natives of Africa in recent months. After speaking and teaching in German for many years in the West African Missions, it is now necessary, with the change of Government for French to take the place of the German. A small class of nineteen former school teachers was organized at Bantaga, the latter part of last year and that work has now broadened out into a class of 228. A band of 140 picked young men students will form the vanguard of the French speaking force in the Mission. Throughout the Cameron Mission, the spiritual life of the people is steadily deepening. In seven months there were 1,000 confessions of the faith. Although the regular teachers and preachers of the people were not with them.

The Rev. Isaac Socky, Pastor of the Ashonti Circuit, Rev M. D. Frans, Pastor of Deikkyirga Circuit, Rev. D E. Sam, Pastor of Akyim Circuit, Rev Ntedu Kyirbua, Pastor of the Twufu-Wassaw Circuit and the Rev. D. K. Brown, Pastor of the Winnebah Circuit, compliments the Missionary Seer with their photos, each photo presents an interesting personality of which we are favorably impressed. Each of these native ministers is doing splendid work in the West Gold Coast Conference. To say the least, the African A. M. E. Zion church is proud of them. We shall do what we can to help and encourage them in their work.

Thanks.

"EIGHTY MILLION DOLLAR DRIVE.

The Methodist Episcopal church has organized her forces for a substantial and successful drive among their membership throughout the world for $80,000,000. This propaganda is under the management of the Foreign Mission Board. Think of it? Eighty million dollars! It is hinted by those in authority that more than forty million of this amount will be spent in Africa, immediately after the war in "the United Christian World Drive," for the full and complete redemption of Africa. The scheme is to take Africa for Christ and to give to the entire land, a Christian civilization. Every Christian denomination of the world is invited to share in the struggle and bid for the honors and the glor through Jesus Christ which is to come.

We invite every member of the Foreign Mission Board to offer in his or her own conceptions such plans as they think best for the raising of $100,000 for Foreign Missions within the next 2 years. The A. M. E. Church and C. M. E Church no doubt will fall in line for at least $100,000 each. If the mother Methodist Episcopal Church is making an effort to raise eighty million dollars, her two oldest daughters, Zion and Bethel, should raise $100,000 each. We would be glad to have a line from every Bishop, Presiding Elder and Pastor in the A. M. E. Zion church on this subject. What about it? Let's get in the fight.

One hundred million dollars for the complete and full redemption of Africa, what a drive for the kingdom of Heaven. Don't you want to be in it? How many Pastors will volunteer? Send us your name. A united Ministry will bring the results. Fall in line, brother, fall in line

The Bishops of the A. M. E. Church, A. M. E. Zion Church and the C. M. E. Church and perhaps representatives of the Colored wing of the M. E. Church, will meet at Louisville, Ky. the week of Feb. 10th to discuss plans of Federation —looking forward to organic union. We hope that the meeting will be pleasant and profitable.

We cannot have a full and complete organic union now, for the time is not fully ripe for it, but the time is ripe for a complete and full Federation. The present session at Louisville, should bring us close enough together to use the same Hymnal and Catechism. The same church ritual or the same order of service in public worship. We think, too, that our official Boards should be the same. The same methods employed in all things Methodist. We should Federate until we shall have grown into the likeness, until the one shall have grown into the likeness of the other, and the other grown into the likeness of the one, and then we shall have a complete organic union without unpleasant aftermaths Let us pray for the best results to come as a result of the meeting.

Glimpses Of Bright Stars

Concerning Zion's Able Ministers

This land is home to you and me,
Here all our loved ones live and smile;
Could you and I stand by and see
Inhuman foes their forms defile?
Should we desert them to their fates,
Or, of us, should it not be said,
That never tyrant passed our gates
Until the last of us lay dead?

Over forty African Tribes, not yet captured by Islam, are said to be open to Christian approach. True Missionary strategy demands that they be won before Mohammedan influences get a foothold.

Mrs. Sallie Moores is the newly appointed President of the W. H. & F. Missionanry Society for the Pine Bluff District of the Ark. Conference. Mrs. Ida Snow retires. Mrs Snow raised $77.65 last year. Mrs. Moores said we will beat it. For every member of the Pine Bluff district will do a full day's work for the Master. I have written every local President to move out on the main line for active service.

Oh, why should I lag from my duty today, when Jesus commands me stay not away?

Dr. J. W. McDonald raised in his recent rally, over $1,950. The average was more than $18 per member. Can you beat it? Will Drs. Brown, Wallace and Crooke answer? All of these men have had splendid and very successful rallies.

Dr. W. W. Mathews, who has been recently appointed to Old Ship, Montgomery, Ala., starts off well. He is an able divine and should succeed anywhere.

The largest amount of Missionary money turned over at one time by the W. H. & F. Missionary Society to the Board of Foreign Missions was $1,269.83, Dec. 18th 1917, Mrs. Ida V. Smith Treasurer. Mrs A. W. Blackwell, Mrs Marie L. Clinton, Miss Victoria Richardson, the heads of the several Missionary Departments are to be congratulated for the success which has attended their efforts in this cause. Mrs. Randolph comes in to share a goodly part of the honors, and especially do we praise the good women, the young women and Buds for standing by

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In Chile, where the Roman Catholic church is better organized than in any other South American country, there are only priests enough to average one to 10,000 people. This gives some idea of how inadequately the religious needs of the continent are provided for even by the church of Rome.

In Mexico, there are only two hundred ordained Evangelical Ministers, both Foreign and native, to preach the Gospel to a population of thirteen million people. An average Parish of seventy-five thousand people. Christianity has a tremendous task before it, but we will win.

It is said that the greatest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world is the center of South America. Maybe so, but what about Africa?

Strange isn't it, to say that since the enforcement of the "bone dry" law in Georgia, some of the County Jails have been offered for rent and because of the lack of criminals to try.

The brotherhood of mankind must no longer be a fair but empty phrase it must be given a structure of force and reality. The nations must realize their common life and effect a workable partnership. — Woodrow Wilson.

Dr. James D. Taylor of Natal S. Africa has returned on furlough bringing with him the manuscript of his revised "Zula Bible. The result of ten years arduous work. The new version will be published by the American Bible Society.

Mrs. Henrietta E. Peters and Miss C. L. Tshabalala will sail for their Colony about May 1st, 1918.

Mrs. Katsuta of Kobe Japan has given $100,000 for the Administration Building of Aoyama, the Methodist Collegiate School at Tokyo. This is the largest gift ever made to a Mission School by a Japanese.

Miss Julia H. Crosby for nearly forty seven years, under the Woman's Union Missionary Society in Yokohoma, Japan has received from the Emperor, a medal with blue ribbon in recognition of her service in the field of woman's education.

Edward Judson said that it seems to be a law of the Kingdom that there is no success without suffering. If you succeed without suffering, it means that some one else suffered before you. If you suffer without succeeding, one who comes after you will doubtless have the success.

In Livingstone's Day, the main problems standing in the way ot the Christianization of Africa were war and slavery. Today they are Islam and Godless commercialism.

The Seer bows its head in humble submission to Almighty God in the taking away of the good wife and mother of several children of Dr. E. L. Madison of Wilmington, N. C. Peace to her ashes. Dr. Madison and the bereft have our sympathy.

The Seer extends its thanks to the many bretnren and laymen throughout the Connection for their very kind and favorable expressions by way of commendation for our service as editor of this timely little sheet. The good brethren from every section of the church are saying congratulations are in order.

We thank you.

Brother do not put this paper aside until you read Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, DD., on "The Mystery of the Races." From the Missionary Voice.

It is said that Holland, Sweden, and Denmark show an inclination to yield to the pressure of War conditions, which are forcing them towards an alliance with the Teutonic powers.

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of its highest sanctions which are found only in the religion of Jesus Christ.

Mohammedanism.

1. That the Permanent Committee of this Conference be requested to present to the next Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the urgency for arousing the churches of North America to the Mohammedan peril in Africa and to the unique opportunity which exists at this time for dealing with this problem.

2. That the Committee of Reference and Counsel be asked to take such steps as may be practicable to influence the French Government in the direction of allowing to American Societies opportunity for free and unhampered missionary activity in French territories in Africa.

3. That this Conference record its profound conviction that the evangelization of Africa calls for the quadrupling within the next five years of the Missionary forces in Africa, so distributed as to occupy the stategic lines of trade, the chief centres of Mohammedan influence and propagandism, and the unoccupied areas generally.

Political Outlook.

That the standing Committee hereinafter provided for seek a basis for co-operation with such bodies as the Continuation Committee, the Aborigines Protection Society, etc. to secure that the fullest consideration be given in the Peace settlements to the rights and interests of the native races in Africa.

Roman Catholic Propaganda.

While recognizing the fine devotion of the individual representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, we call the attention of the protestant churches of America to the urgency of making certain, not by unchristian hostility to the Roman church, but by a vigorous prosecution of their own spiritual task that the Christianity of Africa shall be dominantly evangelical.

Importation of Liquor.

The importation of alcoholic liquors to Africa and its sale among the dives races of that continent has long been deplored as a most powerful factor for evil. It is impossible to over estimate the disastrous effects of that iniquitious traffic. This is especially true of the hundred million dependent Africans who make up three-fourths of the population of the continent and those to whom Lord Bryce more than once referred, while Ambassador to this country, as the wards of the civilized Christian nations of hte world

Something has been done in certain sections of the continent in the way of governmental regulation and great philanthropic societies have directed the attention of the Christian world to Africa's dire distress caused by the liquor traffic. Still the tide of death rolls on. Until Christian nations cease importing into Africa vast quantities of intoxicating beverages there is but little hope. The United States is one of the chief transgressors in this respect.

Fortunately, nation-wide prohibition of the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, by constitutional amendment in the United States seems sure in the near future. The United States Senate has approved the submission of the Amendment to the States and the question will be passed upon by the House of Representatives in a few weeks. It is suggested that the executive officers of the Mission Boards represented in this Conference should., on behalf of their American constituents and their work in Africa, petition the House of Representatives favor of submitting the proposed Amendment to the States.

Evangelism.

The physical, geographical, ethnological and economic conditions of Africa make it pre-eminently a field where the largest emphasis should be placed on native evangelism. that the fullest advantage may be had of this profoundly important resource in the evangelization of Africa the Conference recommends:

1. That the duty and privileges of winning others to Christ be urged upon all converts

2. That the greatest care be exercised in the selection and training of native evangelists and especially of the class of men upon whom are to rest the sacred responsibilities of the ordained native minister.

3. That in view of the supreme importance of the Bible as the central feature of such training, Bible teaching in lower and higher schools receive the special scientific yet devout study of African educators and this Conference commends to the Conferences in the three great areas Bantu Africa the Sudan and Northern Africa the suggestion that representative committees for those areas be formed to make a scientific study of the best methods of Bible instruction and to prepare Bible courses based on such study.

4. That in view of the low position of woman in pagan African society and of her important position in the African church, Mission Societies be urged to give earnest attention to the problems of uplifting woman ood and in this connection to the possibilities in the use of trained Bible women.

5. The primitive stage of the African in social evolution, the necessity of providing an economic foundation for the religious life and the character building forces available in the training of the hand all emphasize the importance of industrial training for the African; and inasmuch as industrial training must be an integral part of religion, the Conference recommends that not only in primary and secondary schools, but in schools for the training of the native ministry, provision be made for industrial training.

6. That with a view to kindling in other fields the evangelistic fervor which has wrought such pentecostal results in the Kameruns, the Nile Valley, Uganda, Nyassaland and the

Lower Congo, a small book be prepared by competent representatives from these fields which shall be translated and circulated in the chief languages of Africa.

Co-operation.

1. This Conference is convinced that for the stemming of the Mohammedan tide, the presentation of a truly evangelical Christianity to the African, the occupation of unoccupied territories, and the rearing of an indigenous, self-supporting, self-controlling and self-propagating native church the fullest cooperation on the part of the several branches of the Church is essential.

The Conference recommends that the greatest efforts be made to secure that within the respective geographical or linguistic areas the training of the native ministry shall be carried on in union schools. The Conference believes that only so can the training institutions be adequately staffed and equipped to give the broad and deep training necessary.

That the Foreign Mission Boards of America, Europe, and South Africa be asked to unite in offering to the General Missionary Conference of South Africa the services of one or more experts to co-operate with the Conference as soon as the war is over in making a scientific survey of the South African field with a view to the greater unification of effort.

Languages and Literature.

1. The Conference urges upon all African Missions the importance of the production of religious literature in the vernacular and of tert-books in the government languages adopted to native needs.

2. The Conference desires to place on record its appreciation of and gratitude to the American and British Bible Societies for their splendid work of co-operation with the Mission societies in the translaton and circulation of the Scriptures in African and expresses the hope that the financial needs of these truly missionary organizations will be adequately provided for.

3. That, whereas it appears that Mission Boards are in some instances making provision for missionary candidates or missionaries on furlough to study government languages in the several mother countries, the Conference commends this practice to all societies having work in such colonial African possessions and suggests that provision be made for such study on a co-operative basis.

Medical.

1. In view of the great need for and effectiveness of medical missionary work among both Mohammedan and Animistic Africanism, we are of the opinion that the medical force and equipment should be greatly increased and especially utilized in stemming the Mohammedan drive.

2. In view of the unfavorable health conditions prevailing in many sections of equatorial Africa, we would recommend the suggestions made in Dr. Mabie's paper, especially that regarding the examination of missionaries soon after their return from the field and of a general medical supervision during the furlough period. Also that they acquaint their candidates with such facts as were brought out in the paper insofar as they apply to their various districts.

3. We would also recommend that the Rockefeller Foundation be approached in an endeavor to secure its co-operation in combating sleeping sickness and hookworm in Central Africa.

Message to Missionaries.

That this Conference express to the missionaries in Africa through their several Boards and Societites its personal loving interest in every individual worker and his task; its cordial sympathy in any special problems that may be pressing upon them owing to the war, or to the other special conditions affecting Africa at this time which have been engaging the attention of the Conference, and its strong faith in God and in His church which leads the Conference to feel confident in encouraging the missionaries to believe that the present strategic opportunity for saving Africa will not be lost, in which connection the Conference has recommended a large increase in the Missionary force at the earliest possible date, and finally the joy which we share with them in the marvelous evidence in many parts of the continent that the Kingdom of Christ is speedily coming in Africa.

That these greetings be especially sent to the Conference soon to be held in the Congo and to the General Missionary Conference of South Africa.

Publicity.

In view of the rapidly expanding needs of the several areas of the African continent, and the consequent necessity of more familiarity with and interest in changing conditions and emerging problems, we would express our appreciation of the splendid literature, maps and charts prepared by the Missionary Education Movement, the Student Volunteer Movement and the several Boards, and would urge this as an opportune time to push the circulation and use of this literature, in editorial reviews, in group and church meetings, by pastors and in mission study classes.

That the proceedings of this Conference be printed and circulated among the missionaries in Africa and the constituencies of the various Boards and that a map or series of maps be included.

Permanent Committee.

Recognizing the importance of strategic effort to grapple with the situation in Africa as a whole, we suggest to the Committee of Reference and Counsel that the Committee of Arrangements of this Conference with power to add to their number, or such Committee as may seem advisable, be a Permanent Committee to watch the interests of Africa and to plan broadly for its needs.

DR. J. H. JOWETT SAYS,

The world is aching for a gospel, and it is the labor of the Church to present a gospel that can reach the world's most awful need, that can get down to its deepest depravity, and bring cordials and balms to its most appalling sorrow. And the old Gospel can do it! Yes, the old Gospel, in working attire, proclaimed by a church which believes it, is gloriously efficient to meet the most tremendous needs of this most tremendous day. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That Gospel, preached by a Church that believes in it, a Church that is redeemed by it, a Church that will give its blood

for it, is the sure and certain secret of a comforted, purified unified, regenerated and transfigured world. In her preaching of an atoning Saviour, the Church must on her part fill up that which is lacking of the sufferings of Christ.

MORTGAGE DEBT PAID OFF

Rev. G. H. Staton, pastor of the John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, Attleboro, Mass., just closed his May rally, lifting a ($625.00) mortgage that has stood against the church for 15 years; and also paid a ($100.00) note which had come due. This leaves the church and parsonage free of debts Our presiding elder, Dr T. A. Auten. D .D., delivered the oration of the occasion from the subject, "The History and Significance of the A. M. E. Zion Church." Dr Auten most vividly pictured some of the leading figures, such as Martin Luther, John Wesley, and James Varick. This historcal address was indeed uplifting.

After the pastor had, in tasty language, praised those who had worked faithfully in the financial campaign, then read the mortgage, placing it in a metallic plate held by Brother Adam Bailey, one of the oldest members of the church and an honorary trustee, while Sister C. J. Allison, one of the charter members of the A. M. E. Zion Church in Attleboro, applied the match as the choir sang, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." A streak of enthusiasm seemed to penetrate the entire congregation. At one time there was an outburst of cheers. Rev. Staton came to Attleboro 18 months ago. The church was in a critical state, divided into two small factions, the interest being a year in arrears, and had received notice of a foreclosure. He went to the party who held the mortgage. After pleading, he decided to give the pastor a chance, and in two months' time, instead of paying $36.00 interest due, we succeeded in paying $275.00 on the principal, leaving a balance of $467.70, which amount we have just raised in our May rally through a certificate system formulated by the pastor, each certificate representing a $1.00 bill and in the likeness of a dollar bill, and each also representing one four hundred and sixty-soventh part of the mortgage and was disposed of as one dollar share, each being given in lieu of one dollar. Those who took for themselves and solicited others: Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Staton, Rev T A Auten, P. E., Mr. W. T. Kountz, Mr. E W. Tomlinson, Mr. B. Piner, Mr. H. Wheeler, Mr. R. B. Slater, Mrs. N. M Wheeler, Miss E. Davis, Mr. C. Allen. Mr. C. C. Crosson, Mrs. Ada Johnson. Mrs. M. C. Brown, Mrs. Edna Manning. Mrs. Clara Williams, Mrs. M. Bailey. Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. N. Davis, Mr. J Davis, Mr. W. Jackson, Mrs. G. Jackson, Mrs. C. C. Crosson, Mrs. C. J. Allison, Mr. J. Dobson, Mr. Wm. Denison. Mrs. M. Tyrance, Mrs. C. Colman, Mr Dan Colman, Mr. Grant, Mrs. Grant. Miss M. Miller, Mrs. A. Miller, Mrs. E Slater, Mrs. E. Gladden, Mrs. Archie Campbell, Mr. H. Walls, Mr. Fred Teel. Mrs. M. Teel, Mr. E. Watson, Mr. Lester Watson, Mrs. M. L. Taylor, Mr. J Roberts, Mrs. A. J. Evans, Mr. H. Morgan, Mr. C. R. Dunton, Mr. E. C. Taylor, Miss Edith Williams, Mrs. Etta Williams, Mr. M. Campbell, Mr. J. Evans, Mr. T. Fairfax, Mrs. M. E. Dobson, The Lend-a-Hand Club, The G. U. O. of O. F., Mr. Wm. Brown, worth of certificates, totalling $467.70

—The Star of Zion

Slavery In German East Africa

On December 3rd it was reported that the British had driven the last of the German forces out of German East Africa into Potuguese territory. Thus Germany nas lost its last colonial possessions.

The Sudan Times reports that 185-000 slaves were found by the British in the German East African Protectorate. The "Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society" of England has issued an appeal to the British Secretary of State for the Colonies to proclaim their freedom. The appeal states that a resolution was submitted to the German Reichstag on March 19, 1914, asking for the emancipation of these slaves on January 1, 1920. The system of enforced labor was admitted, but the resolution for their freedom was resisted on account of the cost of compensating owners.

It is time that all systems of contract labor, enforced labor and other forms of compulsory service, which involve practical slavery, should be abolished throughout the earth.

The Missionary Seer is arranging a program for a $2000 drive for the Kwittah School building. The appeal is soon to appear.

Eighty Millions is the small amount that is being asked for, for the Home and Foreign Missions by the Methodist Episcopal Church. Think of it. Eighty million dollars for the advancement of the Kingdom of [illegible] among men. We want two thousand dollars for the Kwittah School building, who will give us the first $5.00?

The men on the far Western front of Zion Methodism far beyond the Rockies deserve commendation for their active service and accomplishments. Dr. W. I. Rowan of Portland, Oregon, Byers, Clark, Howard, Lightford, Yearwood are sweeping things before them. New church buildings the purchasing of new church property and the renovation of old churches and the building of parsonages. Seems to be the slogan of a united Zion Ministry in the far west. Great credit is due these good ministers and their able leader, Bishop L. W. Kyles, DD. for the phenomenal success that has attended their labors.

The Quittah School Building Keta W. Africa

The Foreign Mission Board is anxious to complete the Quittah School Building within the next six months. Rev. Mrs. Henrietta Peters and Miss Cecillian L. Tshabalala, will sail for Africa about May the first, and it is the purpose of the Board to hand over to Mrs. Peters at least $1000 for the school building. The plan of the building carries with it 4 rooms for the sopher—in other words the Parsonage. We wish to complete these rooms as early as possible so Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshabalala will have a comfortable place in which to live. To complete the building and arrange for a complete transportation with a full supply of necessities and accessories. We must have at least $2,000 by the first of May for these things.

A general appeal will be forthcoming very soon to our good people throughout the Connection to our relief with the provisions needed at this time. Thank God that the day of the "complainers," and the "we can'ts" has passed. We live in a new day and a new Zion. This is the laborers day and the laborers opportunity. We are fully able to possess the land.

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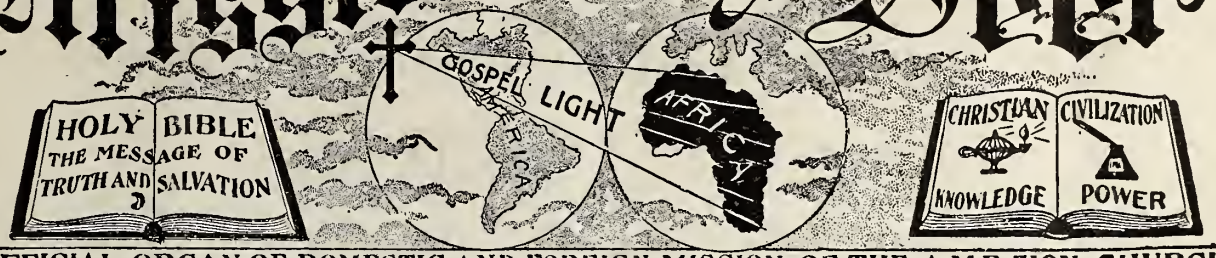

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Glimpses of the Bright Stars

"Only one life to live."

We have only one life to live and we should want to do the best with it. We all want to make the best of it. How can we best get hold of it? How can we accomplish the most with the energies and powers at our command. We have only one life, what shall we do with it?

BISHOP G. W. CLINTON, D. D., HONORED.

Celebrates 60th Birthday.

The New Jersey Conference, at its latest session, honored Bishop Clinton by rendering a special program during the conference session, May 10. The occasion was one of good cheer. The air was filled with pleasantries and cheerful and happy expressions for the continued health and happiness of one of Zion's most worthy prelates. Bishop Clinton celebrates his 60th birthday, which makes him 59 years old. He is youthful and full of energy, and is in great demand for lectures, sermons and addresses.

THE DEBT-PAYING RALLY.

Under the direction of Bishop J. S. Caldwell, D. D., has been most gratifying. All reports are not in, but the outlook is favorable for pleasing results. $20,000 is the amount asked for and we have every reason to believe that we will get it. Bishop Caldwell knows how to do things. He has just closed one of the most successful sessions of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conferences, which was held May 15, at Galbraith, Washington, D. C.

AFRICAN STUDENT ADVANCE.

Beresford Cole Afflowee, one of our African students at Hanon Lomax high school, Greenville, Ala., graduates from the normal department of that institution. He will enter Livingstone College this fall.

THE OLD SHIP RALLY—$5,000 BEATS ITS PREVIOUS RECORDS.

The Rev. W. W. Matthews, D. D., pastor of the Old Ship A. M. E. Zion church, Montgomery, Ala., beats all previous records in a single effort in that church. His Spring rally netted $5,102.66. Dr. Matthews is planning to build a new church at a cost of $60,000. Hats off.

DOUGLAS AND DAVIS IN FINANCIAL DRIVE.

The Rev. F. D. Douglas, D. D., Connecticut Evangelist and pastor of Caldwell Chapel, Indianapolis, raised $1,200.00 in his last financial effort. Dr. S. D. Davis, of Jones Tabernacle, has his plans well laid for a $4,000 drive for the new church. The pastors of Indianapolis are doing fine.

MEN OF ZION WESTERN NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

The Rev. G. S. Mose, of Jamestown, N. Y., and Dr. E. S. Biely, of Syracuse, N. Y., are among the first men we visited on our tour filling Bishop Blackwell's appointments. Among others we had the pleasure of visiting were Rev. J. A. James, Watertown; Rev. J. C. Walters, Oneida; Rev. W. S. De Berry, Norwich; Rev. J. B. A. Yelarton, D. D., of Binghamton; Rev. J. A. Jones, of Corning; Rev. L. L. Woods, of Elmira; Rev. N. H. Bexly, of Lackawanna; Rev. Henry Durham, of Buffalo; Rev. E. D. W. Jones, of Rochester; Rev. H. J. Johnson, of Ithaca, and the Rev. P. K. Fonvielle, of Auburn. We wish here to extend our thanks to these great men for the open-heartedness with which we were received, and the very cordial and kind hospitality extended to us for our pleasure and profit.

"MEN OF ZION ON THE BATTLE FRONT" IN VIRGINIA.

The Rev. C. L. Alexander, D. D., pastor of our church in Petersburg, Va., is a master workman. His church is in fine working condition. Every department of the church is well organized for effectual service. The pastor enjoys the confidence of his people and the citizens of Petersburg. The parsonage has been remodeled and made modern throughout. Dr. Alexander is a great organizer and great pastor and preacher.

We were "delighted" to meet the Rev. M. F. Gregory, Presiding Elder of the Petersburg District, and

Presiding Elders, Drs. C. W. Winfield, S. P. Cooke, and our good friends, Dr. G. L. White, N. D. King, B. J. Balding and the Rev. N F. Baily. We were pleased to visit the Rev. P. R. Flack, of Richmond, Va.; Rev. C. C. Robinson, of Chester, Va.; Rev. S. D. Manuel, of Hopewell; Rev. O. G. Jenkins, of Hopewell; Rev. Wm. Ruffin, of Piney Grove; Rev. S. S. Dickerson, of Waverly; Rev. G. H. Spaulding, of Wakefield; Dr. Miles, of Wakefield; the Rev. L. A. McDonald, of Norfolk, and the Rev. G. N. Cuffee and D. W. Underwood, of Hickory, Va. The men in the Old Virginia and Albermarle Conferences are doing well, and their churches are in splendid condition.

PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Our visit to this Conference was brief, yet pleasant and profitable. The brethren received us cordially and were unstinted in their hospitality. We were pleased to shake hands with our many friends, among them being Drs. W. D. Battle, G. M. Oliver, S. O. Swann, M. L. Blaylock, E. H. Curry, J. S. Shaw, H. J. Callis, A. Hammon, C. W. Brown, T. J. Hoppins, M. W. Davis, J. W. McCoy, R. A. Carroll, H. W. Allen, Logan Johnson, C. J. Henderson, T. A. Fenderson, Hon. J. C. Dane and a host of others whom we met with pleasure and delight. We were delighted to shake hands with Drs. C. C. Allyne, editor of the Quarterly Review; Dr. J. Harry Anderson, editor of the Star of Zion; Dr. J. W. Martin, secretary of education, and Prof. J. W. Eichelberger, president of the Sunday School Union. These men were brilliant, eloquent and pleasing in the presentation of their departments.

We came very near raising a rough house when we said that the Missionary Seer had the largest paid-up cash subscription of any news agent in the church. If the Star of Zion sends out 5,000 copies each month to paid-up subscribers, then its receipts should be $5,000 instead of $1,800, as reported at the latest Bishop meeting. If the Quarterly Review sends out 2,000 copies quarterly, then its receipts should show $2,000 instead of about $1,200(?). See? The Missionary Seer sells for 50c per annum. We have on our roll nineteen hundred paid-up subscribers—$950. Remember the Star and Review sells for $1 each per annum. The Seer is only 50c. See, we lead.

QUITTAH SCHOOL FUND GROWS— EACH PASTOR WILL DO HIS BIT.

The Seer acknowledges with thanks the following amounts sent in as an answer to our appeal sent out March 15th:

Mrs. Alice Harrison (white); Detroit, Mich, $1.00; Rev. D. C. Collins, Wilmont, Ark., $1.00; Rev. Z. W. Sherrell, Tazwell, Tenn., $1.00; Rev. H. S. McMullen, Lancaster, S. C., $1.00; Rev. J. P. Foote, Cincinnati, O., $2.00; Rev. D. A. Shelton, Sturgis, Ky., $1.00; Rev. A. A. Johnson, Fayetteville, N. C., $5.00; Mrs. M. R. Franklin, New York City, $1.00; Rev. R. F. Fisher, Rutherford, N. C., $4.40; Rev. D. C. Crosby, Chester, S. C., $3.00; Mrs. Estella Robinson, Detroit, Mich., $1.00; Rev. J. A. Quience, Leland, N. C., $1.00; Rev. Geo. E. Biddle, New London, Conn., $6.27. Total so far, $34.67. Thanks.

News From the Field

"Help The Seer."

The Seer is pleased to tell the world what you are saying and doing to advance the cause of our Zion. Missionary Convocations, Conventions, District Conferences, Sunday School and Y. C. E. Conventions should advance a small donation to help us in our effort to give to the church and race a periodical of which to be proud.

KEEP THE LAW—DON'T BREAK IT.

The law regulating the W. H. & F. Missionary Society should be obeyed. God will never bless us until we do right. Let us keep the law. Which is this: First, hold your missionary meetings as usual. Second, plan for success. Third, push ahead and win. Fourth, strive for big results. Fifth, bring in your money, count it. Sixth, send one-half to Mrs. Ida V. Smith, Grand Treasurer, 1309 R St. N. W., Washington, D. C. Seventh, keep one-half in your local treasury. Eighth, money reported at your Quarterly Mass Meeting should not be divided. All money reported at the Quarterly Mass Meeting should go to the Grand Treasurer, minus expenses of meeting. Ninth, traveling expenses of delegates must be borne by the local society. Tenth, your expenses should never interfere with the one-half belonging to the General Treasury for the foreign work. Eleventh, don't break the law, but keep it. Twelfth, don't be laxed. Do right and God will give you a crown of glory.

THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE ARE OPENED.

(By Mrs. Ida Snow.)

Dr. Hood, Editor of The Seer:

We have just closed one of the best Missionary Mass meetings ever held in the Pine Bluff District.

Mrs. Sallie Moores knows how to do things for the Master. Our first District Mass Meeting was held at Winchester, Ark., March 15th. It was the biggest success we ever had. The eyes of the people have come open in Arkansas and they are helping to Christianize and educate our people in Africa. Sister Murphy and Sister Moores are working side by side for good. Rev. James Drake preached the opening sermon, subject, "The Sign of the Times."

The collection amounted to $10.00. The meeting was full of life and enthusiasm for Africa. Total collection, $66.00. After helping the sick, the blind, the church and the expenses of the meeting we sent to the General Treasurer $14.00. We have $16.00 in hand yet. Go tell the missionary societies that we are surely rising. The report of the work shows quite a number of people who gave 25c each for foreign missions. We are doing big things for the

cause in this section of our State. Pray for us.
Grady, Ark.

The above report is a good one and we congratulate the good women for this most excellent report. However, it is a little shy of the law. The total amount of $66.00 should have been sent to the Grand Treasurer, less expenses of meeting.

QUITTAH, WEST AFRICA.

(By Chief Joachim Accolatse.)

Rev. J. W. Wood, 1231 Cornell Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., U. S., America.

I am in receipt of yours dated the 27th December, 1916, and 8th January, 1918, respectively, and carefully note with much thanks that my dearest son Charley is making very bright splendid headway at the Livingston College and under the new arrangement he is now in your care.

Times are a bit hard in our country here too and chiefly due to the Great European war. Your post office there will pay you £25 (twenty-five pounds sterling) as help from me towards Charley. The numbers of the money orders are No. 3095 and 3099.

May it be the will of the Providence that your proposal of visiting us the second time be a prosperous one. The Church here is strong (no doubt about it) under the energetic supervision of the Rev. H. N. Kwawu and there is no trouble as to report.

Rev. Peters, too, is well, and has lately returned from Agbosome, where he was for the past 8 or 9 months.

I do not know the address of Rev. W. E. Shaw as to be in communication with him. Kindly convey my sincere greetings to him.

Dear Rev. Wood, I have to thank you again for the best care you are giving to my son.

I shall write you again of my son Charley.

Keep fit and be strong; do not weary of well doing.

I am, Yours in love,

CHIEF JOACHIM ACCOLATSE.

Kita, W. Africa. His X Mark.

THE MISSIONARY MASS MEETING OF THE AKRON DISTRICT—"OVER THE TOP"

Dr. Wood:

The Missionary Women of this district asked me to say to you that the voice of Missions rings clear in the depths of their souls—that they are very much pleased with the stand you take along all missionary lines—that the Missionary Seer, edited by you, speaks in your favor for 1920.

They held a splendid mass meeting in Sewickly, Pa., in March. The meeting was a spiritual feast from the opening to the closing session. The majority of the missionary women were present, led by Mrs. Jennie A. Taylor, President of the Parent Society; Mrs. Susie Lee, Secretary of the Y's, and Mrs. Blanche Dillard, President of the Buds.

The slogan of these three great generals is "Over the top" for Missions.

The reports showed that the District is alive with missionary fervor. The receipts for the day were $145.

The visit of Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshablala was an inspiration to the District and in turn, the courtesies shown them, both socially and financially, made them feel that it was worth while coming this way.

Our women are more determined than ever that this shall not only be the banner quadrennium from a financial standpoint, but in soul winning.

The next mass meeting will be held in Salem, O., in May.

REV. JOHN C. TAYLOR.

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MISSIONARY CONVOCATION, SELMA, ALA., APRIL 19-22, 1918.

(By Madam J. W. Alstork, President.)

The second annual session of the Missionary Convocation of the Third Episcopal District was held at Selma, Ala., April 19-22, 1918. Rev. W. S. Dacons entertained the members of the Convocation. Presiding Elder Rev. A. N. Bennett, D. D., was alert in making things cheerful and pleasant.

The officers of the Convention are Mrs. J. W. Alstork, President; Mrs. Ellen McGhee, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Cora King, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Daisy Johnson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ada L. M. Hall, Treasurer; Bishop Jno. W. Alstork, D. D., Bishop of the Third Episcopal District.

The method employed to collect missionary money in this district is indeed unique. The Alabama Conference forms the first link in the line of conferences. Each conference is divided into links. Each conference starts off by special contribution from the conference officers, followed by the contributions at large, viz.: Alabama Conference, First Conference Link; Tuskegee District Link 1, $24:50; Union Springs District, Link 2, $31.80; Opelika District, Link 3, $27.50; Alabama Conference, First Link, total, $83.80.

South East Alabama Conference, Second Conference Link, Wetumka District, Link 1, $33.60; Troy District, Link 2, $2.00; Southeast Alabama Conference, Second Link, total, $35.60.

North Alabama Conference, Third Link: Tuscaloosa District, Link 1, $42.73; Birmingham District, Link 2, $95.10; N. Birmingham District, Link 3, $55.10; Pratt City District, Link 4, $40.50; N. Alabama Conference, Third Link, total, $233.43.

Cahaba Conference, Fourth Link: Selma District, Link 1, $80.76; Greensboro District, Link 2, $18.00; Demopolis District, Link 3, $59.95; Cahoba Cahoba Conference, Link 4, $158.71.

South Alabama Conference, Link 5: Greenville District, Link 1, $44.85; Brewton District, Link 2, $22.50; Georgiana District, Link 3, $32.50; South Alabama Conference, Link 5, total, $99.85.

Third Episcopal District 5, Annual Conference Links, Fifteen District Conference Links, total collection, $669.75.

Mrs. J. W. Alstork, the good and faithful and tried missionary workers of Alabama deserve our commendation and thanks for the excellent work that they are doing for both the Domestic and Foreign work.

Great is Madam Alstork and her good husband, the brilliant and eloquent Bishop Alstork. Hats off.

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THE FIRST AND THE LAST.

Anna E. Hamilton wrote:

"The spirit of sacrifice stays not its price. Christ did not of His mere abundance cast into the empty treasury man's store, the first and last; gave until even he could give no more: His every living." Such was Christ giving.

"Germany can not win."
But we all must suffer
Many things before the
Struggle is over.

Four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nations. (Germany, France, England and Russia), but not in his power. (Not able to stand alone). And in the later time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to full, a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark sentences shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power. And he shall destroy wonderfully and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and holy people. Through his policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand, and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace (peace talk) shall destroy many. He shall also stand up against the prince of princes, but he shall be broken without hand. Read the 8th chapter of Daniel, 20-26 verses. Germany cannot win, but the nations of the world will be brought low, and to poverty. Get ready for the struggle.

Dinwiddie Normal and Industrial School, "Over the Top," with $5,300, raised by Bishop Geo. L. Blackwell, A. M. D. D., and his men.

The Dinwiddie Normal and Industrial School is a household word among the people of the African M. E. Zion church. It is located at Dinwiddie, Va., about twelve miles from Petersburg, and about fourteen miles from Richmond, Va. The property of the school consists of two hundred and fifty acres of land, the southern part of which borders on a creek. There is a stream running through the farm from which, by means of a ram water is supplied to the buildings on the ground. There is a two-story girls' dormitory, class rooms and chapel combined on the ground. A two-story cottage used for a boys' dormitory, the principal cottage and other out buildings, such as barns, wagon sheds, industrial shops and poultry houses. The enrollment for this term is 104. Six young men graduates, two of whom have been called to the colors, and two young women. The graduates from this institution are given a state teacher's certificate without examination.

Prof. W. E. Woodyard is indeed a master and deserves the commendation and thanks of the entire connection for the splendid work accomplished at the Dinwiddie institution.

On the occasion of my recent visit to this school, I found the entire plant in splendid working order, especially do I refer to the activities of the garden and farm. Prof. Woodyard has four mules, seven head of stock, one hundred and fifty young chickens, twelve acres of wheat, one and one-half acres of white potatoes, onions, peas, beans, five acres of oats, and a very fine strawberry bed, under the supervision of Mrs. W. E. Woodyard the girls canned one hundred quarts of snaps, one hundred quarts of apples, and a number of tomatoes last season. Bishop Geo. L. Blackwell, D. D., the president of the schools, the fearless and untiring worker, stands out in the forefront as one of the most active bishops in the church in raising money for education by special efforts one after another. He rolled $5,300 for the Dinwiddie school last year, and if his plans carry well, he will do the same this year. Great credit is due the men of the Fifth Episcopal District for their loyalty to their church, bishop and race. Rev. S. P. Cooke, Rev. C. L. Alexander, Rev. M. F. Gregory, members of the executive board, deserve the thanks of the entire church, for the support that they are giving this institution. We are proud of Dinwiddie, its faculty and its principal.

THE POPULARITY OF THE SEER.

To say that the Missionary Seer is popular with the people is putting it mildly. The popularity of the magazine is evidenced by its large correspondence and subscription list. The Seer grows three hundred new subscribers within the last sixty days, is indeed a splendid record. People love to read the Seer because it is non-sensational and reliable. Mild in expressions, brilliant in thought, eloquent in tone, and refined in its presentation. The Seer is popular because it is a defender of human rights. It stands for the best of everything which adds to the advancement and uplift of fallen humanity. This worthy magazine should be in the homes of every Zionite in the country. Subscribe today.

WEST GOLD COAST CONFERENCE.

(By F. A. Pinanko, Presiding Elder.)

Some important items from the statistical returns of the nine circuits of the West Gold Coast Conference, viz.: Cape Coast, Winnebah, Western Akyim, Elmina, Twufu-Wassaw, Ashanti, Salt Pond, Eastern Akyim, and Denkyire, for the year 1917:

Number of churches, 41; members, 2,864.

Number of Sunday Schools, 17; scholars, 1,591.

Number of day schools, 11; scholars, 892.

Number of V. C. Endeavor Societies, 6; members, 977.

Number of baptisms, 336.

Workers: One Presiding Elder, two Ordained Elders, one Unordained Elder, three Ordained Deacons, six Unordained Deacons, twelve Missionary Pastors, 28 day school teachers, 105 local preachers and Exhorters, 112 class leaders, 72 Sunday School Teachers.

Total expenditure for the year, £1,699.6.7 (about $6,802). Total income: From the Conference, £1,-385.11.5 (about $5,432); from Mission Grant, U. S. A., per Rev. J. W. Wood, F. M. Secretary, $1,000: $6,482 Deficit balance, $320.00, Cape Coast Castle W. Africa.

NOTES FROM THE WEST GOLD COAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Held at Cape Coast, West Africa, Feb. 16-26, 1918.

By Rev. K. M. Utedu-Kyirbuwa, Reporter.

The tenth session of the West Gold Coast Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church began its sittings on Saturday, the 16th of February, 1918, with Hymn 662, "And are we yet alive," and ended on Tuesday, the 26th, at Prospect House, Prospect Hill, Cape Coast. A conference sermon at the opening was delivered by the Rev. Isaac S. Cole, dwelling on the words "Occupy till I come" (St. Luke xix:13).

The worthy Presiding Elder, the Rev. F. Ata Osam-Pinanko, M. A., presided as usual at the absence of the Bishop of the Work, and held a very successful conference. The touch of his Annual Official Address inspired life in both the clergy and the laity and provoked many interesting discussions affecting the solid building of this great organization of the Black Race.

All the ministers with the delegates from important points were present and contributed much to the success of the work.

An official information of the temporary appointment of Bishop G. C. Clement for the African Work was received with much joy.

The Rev. Isaac S. Cole, having completed his Elder's Course, was received into full ministry by unanimous vote, his ordination to come on at the next visit of the Bishop of the Work.

After an examination Mr. Ebenezer K. Bresi-Ando was received into the ministry as a probationer on the first year's course of Deacon's Orders.

The Rev. Moses D. Frans was suspended for six months.

An official information of the irreparable losses Zion has sustained by death in the noble persons of Bishops Alexander Walters, the second Bishop of the West African Work, and C. R. Harris, came to us as a bolt from the blue.

The death of Rev. Mrs. Emma Owusu-Ansah, the first and only lady minister West Africa has ever produced and pastor of the Elmina Circuit, was announced. Her "body lies mouldering in the grave, but her soul is marching on."

The conference passed Resolutions of Tribute to their memory and ordered that copies be sent to their respective relatives.

A resolution congratulating Bishop G. C. Clement upon his appointment to the African Work was passed.

The Winnebah Aborigines League sent in a deputation in the person of Mr. J. Lackey-Sam to effect arrangements respecting the continuation and upkeep of the Zion College at Winnebah.

The Conference Missionary Meeting passed off successfully in the evening of Sunday, the 24th of February, 1918, under the able chairmanship of H. R. Blankson, Esquire, of Cape Coast.

The annual native mission and education fund raised respectively by the circuit, was as follows:

Cape Coast	£209	5	4
Winnebah	122	18	6
Western Akyim	42	18	11
Elmina	10	11	9
Twufu-Wassaw	69	14	3
Ashanti	130	5	4
Salt Pond	48	6	9
Eastern Akyim	64	2	9
Denkyira	22	11	5
	£720	15	0

Appointments.

Rev. F. Ata Osam-Pinanko, M. A., Presiding Elder.

Cape Coast Circuit—Rev. Isaac L. Cole, Rev. K. Ata Osam-Pinanko, Deacon; (Education Department) Mr. George B. Addo, Missionary Pastor.

Winnebah Circuit—Rev. D. Kofi Brown, Rev. Samuel Banson, Deacon; (Education Department).

Western Akyim Circuit—Rev. E. K. Bresi-Ando, Deacon; (To work under the direction of the pastor at Winnebah) Mr. C. A. Osam-Pinanko, Missionary Pastor.

Elmina Circuit—Mr. J. Frank Adams, Missionary Pastor; (To work under the immediate direction of the pastor at Cape Coast).

Twufu-Wassaw Circuit—Rev. K. M. Utedu-Kyirbuwa, Deacon; (To work under the direction of the Presiding Elder), Mr. T. B. Idun, Missionary Pastor.

Ashanti Circuit—Rev. Isaac Sackey.

Salt Pond Circuit—Rev. E. A. Sackey, Deacon; (To work under the direction of the Presiding Elder).

Eastern Akyim Circuit—Rev. P. D. Ofosuhene, Deacon; (To work under the direction of the Presiding Elder).

Den Kyira Circuit—Rev. D. E. Sam, Deacon; (To work under the direction of the pastor in Ashanti).

ZION IN ARKANSAS.

By Rev. R. B. Macon, D. D.

Editor The Missionary Seer:

Allow me to congratulate you upon the splendid

appearance and makeup of our Seer. The Seer is our missionary paper and we are proud of it and its editor. The men of all Arkansas are loud in praise of this most excellent paper.

The brethren in Arkansas are hard working men, and I am glad to say that they are having great success along all lines. The men in my district are flying, raising all sorts of money and push the battle to the gate with great success. Will write in detail soon.

I am yours.

Montrose, Ark.

REPORT OF MADISONVILLE DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION AND W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY CONVOCATION.

(By Mrs. J. C. McCain.)

The Madisonville District Sunday School Convention and the W. H. and F. M. Convocation convened in Union Chapel, Camp No. 7, Clay, Ky., May 2-3, 1918, to hold their second annual session.

Rev. T. H. Merriweather, Henderson, Ky., Presiding Elder; Mr. F. I. Grace, Supt. Zion Temple Sunday School, Madisonville, Ky., District Supt.; Mrs. Lucy Selectman, President of Zion Temple Missionary Society, Madisonville District, President; Rev. D. A. Shelton, a pioneer minister of this section, Pastor.

The joint session was opened by the Presiding Elder at noon, observing the formal order, the gavel was then delivered to the district superintendent, who proceeded to organize. From the beginning to the close the meetings were full of interest and enthusiasm. The majority of the delegates were present at the opening session, thus permitting a perfect organization without quandary. The session was notable throughout for its inspiring meetings. The most animated features were sermons by Revs. L. A. Patrick, Henderson, Ky., and J. C. McCain, Sebre, Ky., the Missionary programme, and the following subjects, which were discussed with much interest, "The Conversion of Children," "The Use of Emotion in Religion," "The Righteousness of killing the Germans," "World Democracy and Christianity." The delegates from the several stations and circuits opened the subjects by appointment, and the interest was spontaneous.

The collections far surpassed those of the former year, and if they may be taken as an index of progress, certainly it is remarkable. They were as follows: For Atkinson College Building fund, $15.15; for the promotion of the Convention, $17.95; for the promotion of Missions, $45.85; total, $78.95. There are other Societies and Sunday Schools yet to be heard from.

It was said by the citizens of this Camp that this was the largest and most inspiring gathering ever held in the vicinity of any religious organization.

Madisonville, Ky.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF WALTERS' ZION CHURCH AND INSTITUTIONS FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1918.

Walters' Zion Church: The Church is progressing under the guidance of God quite favorably. The members are gradually becoming zealous and interested. Our untiring and faithful pastor, Rev. Deane, who has his whole energy thrown into the work, must be commended. His life is a characteristic of pure undefiled religion, consequently we need not fear to tread where he bids us. He is interested both in our spiritual and temporal well-being. The institutions are existing.

S. DEANE, Church Sec'y.

Walters' Zion Sunday School: The Sunday School is making favorable headway. Some progress was made during last quarter, as the report will disclose. The teaching staff was reinforced, a sister Amsterdam having added her services to do it. The scholars were fairly regular at both sessions. The number comprises of boys, 13; girls, 12; total, 25; increase, 3; decrease, nil; amount received, 6 cts.

Walters' Second Grade School: We are thankful to God for having landed us upon another quarter with some success. School was regularly held and the attendance was satisfactory. A sister Amsterdam's help was given us, but owing to a breakdown of health we are robbed of it. She was, however, succeeded by sister L. Donnelly, a juvenile member of the church.

Rev. Deane, principal, continues to use his influence for its larger growth. The report shows that we have on roll: Boys, 11; girls, 18; total, 29; increase, 3; decrease, nil. The principal and P. E. and pastor-founder started this quarter to make a sacrifice of $2.00 a month for the assistant Mistress, hoping our Education Board through our Foreign Secretary will do all they can to get us a grant so that this useful institution may help us to further build up Zionism here.

Staff: Rev. W. A. Deane, Principal; Mr. Glasgow, Wm. Fred Deane, Headmaster; Miss Letilda Donnelly, Schoolmistress.

Local Preachers' Report: The local preachers, like Aaron, continue to uphold the hands of their pastor. Their sermons were impressive.

Samuel Bagot, S. Deane.

Respectfully submitted by G. Deane, Secretary to Rev. W. A. Deane, P. C. and Pastor Walters' Zion Manse, Hague, W. C., April 14, 1918.

A WORD OF COMMENDATION.

By Rev. R. B. Williams, D. D.

Editor The Missionary Seer:

I am more than delighted to note the progress and success of our foreign mission work under your administration. This progress is due to the efficiency of our secretary. He is making the missionary machine hum throughout the connection. I am pleased to say that the local staff of missionary workers of the Coffeeville District are doing a splendid work. They made it possible for us to build in Water Valley and Charleston, Miss. Mrs. Texanna Williams, District President of the W. H. & F. Missionary Society; Mrs. Leona Booker, Secretary of the "Y.'s", and Mrs. F. L. Riddix, Superintendent of the Buds. These good women are standing by the home and foreign mission work. Pray for our continued success. Dr. Wood is the right man in the right place; 1920 will give him his proper status. Yours for humanity.

Grenada, Miss.

AFRICA.

Nearly one-fourth of the earth's land surface is comprised within the Continent of Africa.

Africa is as large as the British Empire; four times the size of the United States, and ten thousand times as large as Rhode Island.

It is as far around the coast of Africa as it is around the world.

There are 843 different languages and dialects in use among the blacks of Africa. Only a few of these languages have been reduced to writing.

One era in Africa unoccupied by missionaries is three times the size of New England, a second would make four States like New York, a third would cover eight Iowas, and a fourth is eighteen times as large as Ohio.

Fear of maglignant spirits is the dominant factor in the pagan's religious life. He has no conception of a God of love.

The African is a born orator and develops marvelous gifts as a Christian preacher.

It was King Khama who showed the world that prohibition prohibits when an African Christian camps on the trail of the liquor traffickers.

There is nothing so arrests the attention of these primitive Africans as the voluntary death of the Son of God, the Old, Old Story of Jesus and His Love.

Everywhere the fields are "white unto harvest." The evangelistic opportunity is limited only by the fewness of the messengers.

"May Heaven's righest blessing rest upon any man, English, American or Turk, who will help to heal this open sore of the world."—David Livingstone.

WHY I BELIEVE IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dan Ward, Reprinted From World Outlook.

1. Because I'd be ashamed of myself if I didn't

2. Because many folks don't believe in foreign missions and I like to be a bit unconventional and original. Therefore I believe in 'em. I hate to follow a crowd.

3. Because I believe in home missions. I fit isn't wrong to help somebody who lives outside of your own little community, your own city, your own state, where's the harm in helping somebody who chances to live outside of your own little nation?

4. Because I've noticed that when a man begins to draw the line, saying: "Thus far I shall help and no farther," pretty soon he draws the line around his little neighborhood, then around his little family, and at last around his little shrimp-souled self.

5. Because if it weren't for foreign missions you and I wouldn't be members of a Christian church. The chances are that just this minute we'd be prowling three-quarters naked through the woods hunting for some raspberries and a few frogs' legs for dinner. When our ancestors were savages back in ancient Gaul or there abouts, Christian missionaries came to them. Here we are. Shall we begrudge others the same chance?

6. Because I know a village in Africa where the Christians are raising five and six times as many bushels to the acre as their heathen neighbors. That alone is a mighty good reason for Christian missions. Anything that will increase the number of bushels to the acre is worth while.

7. Because the sale of white collars and stiff-bosomed shirts is mounting by leaps and bounds in Singapore. As soon as a man becomes a Christian, he wants to clean up and look like something, have a decent home, a prize garden, a steady job and make a success of himself. And I like to see that, and am willing to back anything that will accomplish it.

8. Because modern education has been first introduced into practically every non-Christian land by the missionary. Anyone who believes in education must believe in foreign missions. Rabindranath Tagore, the East Indian poet, who won the Noble Prize, was trained in a Christian school.

9. Because tens of thousands of lives are being saved every year by medical missionaries.

10. Because missionaries prepare the way for commercial expansion. In almost every instance they have preceded the merchant into the interior.

10. Because the world's confidence in American integrity, American goods and American ways of doing business is largely the result of the good impression made in foreign lands by the advance guards of civilization—the missionaries.

12. Because woman is a beast in non-Christian lands, and a Woman in Christian lands. The most tragic farce under the sun is that of a woman who doesn't believe in missions. What would she be if it had not been for Christian missions?

13. Because Christianity lifts, vivifies and renovates. It is a spiritual vacuum cleaner to dusty, germ-laden human souls. It freshens and sweetens. It is altogether good, and anything that spreads its influence is good.

14. Because I am sure Christ meant exactly what He said when He commanded, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations."

SELFISHNESS IS SUICIDE.

By F. W. Tompkins.

Selfishness kills. A selfish man is a suicide, destroying the best impulses of his nature, the only impulses which can bring joy and happiness to him as well as to others. I live by giving . What I hold I lose. Even my faith cannot endure unless I share it with others, helping them by my Christianity. Christianity would die but for missionary effort; it grows in strength and power by giving. I owe it to God and to my neighbor and to myself to sacrifice, to give until I feel it.

A GREAT SMALL BOOK.

Size has nothing to do with values. Many a diamond is worth more than a team of horses with the wagon thrown in for good measure! For instance: I have found a little book that weighs only an ounce and a half and sells for $.25, but tells you a way by which to prepare for and carry out your "Every Member Canvass" so that it will increase your annual offerings anywhere from $100 to $1,000, depending on the size of your church.

To do this, you give a free entertainment at the church, a few nights before making the canvass. It

is in the form of a three act drama, so simple and easy that most any church can do it in an **interesting, instructive,** yet **amusing,** entertaining way!

The scene opens with two of the visitors starting out to canvass their district. The Jones family are expecting them, but while they wait they talk about what they are able to give, and decide they **cannot afford to give anything!** Mr. Jones says he has to pay "$185 for taxes." Mrs. Jones was obliged to buy herself "a new seal skin coat." Mary Jones had to have "a new mahogany bedstead," etc. That was the way they talked before the callers arrived.

Nevertheless, the callers came and **left** with a personal subscription from father, mother and the three children; What the visitors said to the Jones family that made givers of them all so easily is heard by a church full of people, much to the interest and enlightenment of all.

The next family called on were "Mr. and Mrs. Grouch." We leave it to the reader to imagine the scene and guess at the result. Suffice it to say that the callers "did their bit," but the "Grouch Family" beat them at the game! Imagine the effect on the audience!

In the last scene, the visitors call on the "Lovejoy" family. Their experience there closes the entertainment. Everybody is in love with the "Lovejoys" and nobody is in love with the "Grouchers," not even themselves.

The price of this book is only $.25.

Address Rev. J. W. Wood, 1231 Cornell avenue, Indianapolis.

THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The Philippines have a population of over 8,000,000, of whom 3,000,000 are in the territory assigned to the Methodist Church.

The people are naturallly religious. The majority have broken away from the Roman Church, and are therefore open to the Gospel.

Under the Spanish rule 50 per cent of the couples were never married. Large numbers are coming to the Protestant preachers to be married—one church in Manila having over 600 weddings a year.

In our territory we have, after fifteen years, 35,000 members with many thousands of adherents. There are from 800 to 1,000 preaching places, and yet some of provinces are almost without religious services of any kind. God has called many Filipino men to preach, and scores could be put in charge of circuits at $5 per month if the money could be found. Emeterio Cavada on a new charge last year had 160 in one of his preaching places alone.

Scores of towns with from 2,000 to 20,000 people are without a church. One hundred dollars will provide a memorial chapel in a strategic place. The local congregation will provide several times the amount, but without the encouragement of the gift from this country they are not likely to do much. The King Memorial, that was started with $100 from the donor, has now 1,000 members, and is entirely self-supporting.

The Filipinos will be the first English-speaking race in the Orient. The American government has established a great public school system, into which are gathered boys and girls. Of the more than 600,000 pupils in the public schools, "scarcely a boy or girl," says a priest, "has had a word of Catholic instruction during the past sixteen years." As this group thinks to-day, all the people will be thinking to-morrow.

The Missions are doing what they can to reach the student body in the various high school centers and around the great Philippine University by gathering them into dormitories in which is maintained a strong Christian atmosphere. Most of these students are won to Christ before they return to their homes. Our dormitory at Manila has in it 80 boys. Last year more than 600 who desired to live in that Christian atmosphere were turned away for want of room.

Surely we are not doing all we can to help the Flag make good in the Philippines nor are we proving our loyalty to Jesus Christ if we do not meet this remarkable opportunity of capturing a whole race of people through reaching its students.

THEY LIVE IN A LAND OF CHURCHES.

About the year 1619 the first slaves were introduced into the Virginia colony. It was the same slavery that these people had among themselves in the wilds of Africa. They made slaves of one another among them native tribes in Africa. They do to this day, wherever the missionary has not reached the Gospel. But poor black people, it was harder for them when they were sold to foreign traders and taken to strange lands. Put into the hold of a ship, shackled together, men, women and children endured a sailing voyage and in agonizing human suffering came to the shores of the New World. Soon the West India Islands were peopled with them, and though there were only about twenty slaves in the first sale of them in our colonies, there were inside one hundred and eighty-eight years over one million here; and in the year 1860 there were over four million. Liberty for the white race was bought with blood; so also was liberty for the black race upon our shores. The reaping of the whirlwind came with the Civil War and the Reconstruction Period which followed. The Negro problem has been a load upon the nation's back. But costly as it has been in money, suffering and blood, it has brought a race to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There are now with us over 12,000,000 Negroes. They live in a land of churches; it can be said, they are evangelized. There are over 3,000,000 among them who are Christians. Had they remained in Africa, only a fraction of this number would have been reached by missionaries. Yet before us is the challenge of the 9,000,000 not yet Christian. They are nobly helping their own. The National Baptist Convention, a united effort of all colored Baptist churches, have eighty schools at work among their people. They do a vast amount of home mission work, and have foreign mission stations in Africa, West Indies, and South America. The African Methodist Episcopal Church supports twenty-five schools and many home mission churches, and has 180 Mission Stations in Africa with 12,000 converts. The African Methodist Episcopal Zion, now united with the former, has had a similar history.

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The above cut is the likeness of Miss Inez A. Wood, the daughter of ye editor. Miss Wood is a student in the Manual Training High School of Indianapolis, Indiana, and is specializing in costumes and designs. Her class of white and colored girls were asked to make an original Fairy Story Lady with high art coloring. Her drawing and coloring was pronounced a masterpiece and the same was sent to France. The French have asked for American ideas as to art. Miss Wood's Art Work Goes to Paris. High Honor.

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Glimpses of the Bright Stars

James Russell Lowell said, "The busy world shoves angrily aside
The man who stands with arms akimbo set,
Till the occasion tells him what to do;
And he who waits to have his task marked out
Shall die and leave his errand unfulfilled.

"Onward in God's name we conquer," said the Rev. F. W. Alstork, A. B., presiding elder of the St. Louis district. Then he adds, The Missionary Seer is a "Gem." It is the best that I have seen during the history of the magazine. Accept my congratulations. "Thanks."

The Missionary Convocation of the third Episcopal District under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Alstork and her husband, the bishop. The good woman of Alabama is still the talk of the entire church. It's the only missionary convocation held this year in the interest of Foreign Missions. The entire church should thank the good bishop and his wife and the good people of Alabama for their special work in this direction. Lets all say Amen.

PROGRAM.

This is what they talked about down in Alabama during the convocation "Can the Missionary Work Succeed Without the Pastor and Presiding Elder?" "The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society as a Factor in the Evangelism of the World." "Ways to Interest the Young People in Missionary Work." "How I Succeeded in Raising Five Dollars as Pledged by Me for Missions." "Our Work in Africa." "Chain of Missions." "Our Work in South America." "The Alstork Temple." Interesting program and food for thought.

The Rev. Benj. Gaston of Corsicana, Texas, is doing nicely. He is a strong Gospel preacher and a lover of missions. He is working hard to save the situation for our Zion down in Texas.

Rev. F. A. Osam Pinanko, our Presiding Elder, of the Gold Coast Conference, writes: "I take pleasure in sending you herewith a few items from our tenth annual conference. which I trust will reach you safely. I am sure that you will be happy to know that the spiritual condition of the churches is very healthy as well as prosperous. We are in the passion week, and we hope and pray for great blessings of the coming Good Friday and the Easter. Cape Coast Castle, W. Africa.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Bishop Geo. C. Clement, D. D., and Dr. J. W. Wood (if war conditions will permit) will sail for Africa and Continental Europe January 1, 1919. The Foreign Mission Board will ask the W. H. & F. Missionary societies and the general church for $4,000.00. Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshabalala will sail on the same ship for their post of duty on the West Coast of Africa.

Dr. J. A. Bridges, of Wadesboro, N. C., is still the same heroic and energetic pastor as of old. He is master of the situation and sends in a splendid report of his work and pledges himself to the support of foreign missions.

The Rev. J. S. Bell, pastor of our progressive membership at Morehead City, N. C., is a splendid man and worthy of consideration. He is a successful pastor and would make a good presiding elder. He is an able preacher and is calculated to succeed most any place.

The Rev. H. S. Muclen, of Lancaster, S. C., is having phenomenal success. The spiritual and financial condition of his church is good.

Rev. B. J. Bolding, D. D., pastor of our fashionable church and large congregation of Berkly, Va., is sweeping on in splendor. Dr. Bolding is an able preacher and is regarded as one among the most eloquent ministers in our church. He has a splendid home and is well situated at Berkly. We were there last May and about all of his general claims were paid in.

DRS. P. A. WALLACE AND J. W. BROWN HONORED BY THEIR CHURCHES.

Dr. Wallace, of Brooklyn, and Dr. Brown, of Mother Zion, New York, have been signally honored by the churches that they have pastored. Fleet Street church gave Dr. Wallace a big reception and

$325.00 in cash. Mother Zion gave Dr. Brown a big reception and $410.00 cash. It would be a nice thing if all our churches would encourage their pastors by remembering them at least once a year with a reception and donation.

Prof. J. W. Crockett cannot run the publication house on air. It takes money to do it. We hope that some provisions will be made right early to relieve the present financial embarrassment. He needs the support and sympathy of the General church and it is our duty to stand by him, whether we do it or not. The publication department belongs to the church and not the manager. So let's save the situation.

Bishop W. L. Lee, D. D., 450 Quincy street, Brooklyn, N. Y., has one among the most beautiful homes owned by members of the race. It is of brown granite stone, well appointed and modern throughout, having nine spacious rooms and accessories. The Bishop has just closed a most successful session of the New England Conference.

ALABAMA LEADS IN MISSIONARY CONVOCATION.

By Mrs. M. L. A. Steverson, Reporter.

The second annual session of the Missionary Convocation of the Third Episcopal District was held at Selma, Ala., April 19-22, 1918. Mrs. M. M. Alstork, presided. Devotional exercises at 10 o'clock. After which the following officers were elected: Mrs. Ellen McGhee, recording secretary; Mrs. Daisy Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. A. L. M. Hall, reporter to the Daily papers; Mrs. L. S. Blackledge, reporter to the Star of Zion, and the writer reporter to the Missionary Seer. The roll was corrected and visitors were introduced. Prof. C. H. Watson spoke on the "Importance of Missionary Work in the Sunday School." His remarks were timely and helpful.

Several other addresses were of equal importance. The calling of the roll and the collecting of missionary money was next in order. We went "over the top" and beat our own record of last year.

Many other important subjects were discussed which proved helpful to the cause of Christian Missions.

Evening Session.

Devotional—Hymn No. 818; scripture lesson, Is. 33; prayer by Rev. Jelks; Missionary Sermon by Rev. Wm. Bascom, presiding elder of the Tuskegee District. Subject, "Why Christian Women Should Be Missionaries." The sermon was eloquently delivered and all were pleased. Bishop Alstork spoke of service. He said we must give greater service to humanity. There is but little excuse for ignorance, for we live in the light of the world's greatest civilization.

Our second day's session opened at 10 o'clock. Devotional sentence prayers for strength to do our work and special prayers for our missionaries at home and abroad. Here we sang "Saviour More Than Life to Me;" "I Am Going to Lay My Armor Down by the River Side;" "Higher Ground," etc. It was a great service. After which a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. McGhee for her excellent service. Rev. Wm. Marshall, of Mt. Zion, Rev. W. W. Mathews, of Old Ship, also Dr. H. M. Newsom, of the A. M. E. church were introduced. Each had a word of good cheer for us. The Buds rendered a fine program and Mrs. L. S. Blackledge read a splendid paper on the work in Africa.

Sunday was a high day in Zion. Special Missionary program was rendered. Among the speakers were Mrs. L. L. Burwell, of the Tabernacle Baptist church. Mrs. Dillard of the Congregational church. Other addresses by Mrs. Ellen McGhee and Mrs. Daisy Johnson. The closing sermon was preached by Rev. C. J. Stevenson. After which the following report was read:

Tuskegee District, Rev. W. W. Bascom, P. E.	$ 18.75
Opelika Dist., Rev. S. L. Stinson, P. E.	27.50
Union Springs Dist., Rev. W. M. Finley, P. E.	30.00
Total for the Alabama Conference	$ 76.75
Wetumpka Dist., Rev. J. H. Hubbard, P. E.	$ 33.60
Troy Dist., Rev. Wm. Hicks, P. E.	2.00
Total for the South East Ala. Conference	$ 35.60
Birmingham Dist., Rev. J. F. Fitzpatrick, P. E.	$ 94.10
Tuscaloosa Dist., Rev. H. R. Goins, P. E.	37.73
N. Birmingham Dist., Rev. C. J. Stevenson, P. E.	55.10
Pratt City Dist., Rev. J. C. Thompson, P. E.	40.50
Total for the N. Ala. Conference	$227.43
Selma Dist., Rev. R. N. Bennett, P. E.	$ 82.60
Greensboro Dist., Rev. H. R. Goins, P. E.	18.25
Demopolis Dist., Rev. L. B. Blackledge, P. E.	57.95
Total for the Cahaba Conference	$158.80
Greenville Dist., Rev. J. C. Laramore, P. E.	$ 44.85
Brewton Dist., Rev. J. C. Catledge, P. E.	22.50
Georgiana Dist., Rev. M. C. Grover, P. E.	32.50
Total for the South Alabama Conference	$ 99.85
By special collections	$ 45.71

Making a grand total of $669.75.

This closes one of the most successful Missionary Convocations ever held in the state of Alabama. All praise to Him who loves us and has bought us with his blood.

Our correspondence is very heavy and we are overcrowded for space. All articles will be published, although some of them must be boiled down. Let us have brief articles from your pulpit, congregation and missionary society. A brief interesting story can be written on a postal card. We will give your article every consideration. Presiding elders, pastors and missionary workers should send in missionary briefs for publication. Send us your cut of the new church, the foster church workers and missionary groups of workers. The Seer grows as never before. It is popular with the pastors and people and our subscription list grows daily. Are you in debt to this magazine; if so pay up at once, please.

MISSIONARY PERSONALS.

Miss Jean McKenzie, author of "Black Sheep," and other fascinating stories of African life is returning to America from West Africa, Kamerun Mission, where she went at the special request of the missionaries to help establish the work that had been somewhat unsettled by the war.

Gipsy Smith has been made a member of the British Empire Order, an honor bestowed by King George for exceptional service to Great Britain. This service has consisted of work for the soldiers in connection with the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. John R. Mott and Dr. Charles R. Watson have gone to England in the interests of the work of the "Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference." From there they expect to visit the Y. M. C. A. camps in France and Italy. They plan to return to America in June.

Bishop S. Guy Inman, secretary of the "Committee on Co-operation in Latin America" has just made a hurried trip to Cuba in the interests of missionary work.

Bishop F. W. Warne, of India, has arrived in New York and will take part in the Methodist Episcopal Centenary campaign. Bishop W. F. Oldham has come from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to participate in this campaign.

Dr. John Fox, secretary of the American Bible Society, has suffered a paralytic stroke, but is slowly recuperating.

Dr. G. Sherwood Eddy is engaged in the evangelistic campaign begun in China in February. A missionary in Canton says that over one hundred students of Canton Christian College have accepted Christ as a result of this campaign.

Wm. E. Holloway, a lawyer, banker and Sunday school superintendent, has become a member of the secretarial staff of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Rev. Alfred Williams Anthony, D. D., has entered upon his work as Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council, with headquarters at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon, is serving as a chaplain in the United States Army in Southern California, by appointment of the Governor of Utah. A few years ago this polygamist was barred from Congress by the representatives of the country as a whole, but now is selected by a governor of a state to help mold the character of the young men of the army.

Henry O'Neill, president of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian church, died at the age of 87 in New York on February 25.

S. P. Teng, a Chinese indemnity student at Princeton University, died on March 21. Mr. Teng was near the end of his senior year. He took a prominent part in all student activities, being the first foreign student to become a member of the senior class cabinet.

Commissioner Charles Jeffries has been appointed by General Booth to take charge of the Salvation Army's work in China. He has been Field Secretary for Great Britain in Australia for six years.

Bishop Hiraiwa, of the Japan Methodist Episcopal church, will visit America this month and attend the General Conference of the M. E. Church South at Atlanta.

Bishop Burt, who has been visiting the Methodist Episcopal Missions in Asia, and has presided at twelve Conferences, has returned to America.

Fennell P. Turner, general secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, has accepted the appointment as secretary of the Committee of Reference and Counsel and began his service on April 1st. Mr. Turner will continue his work with the Student Volunteer Movement.

Miss Elizabeth D. Putnam, of Davenport, Iowa, assisted by two women of New York City and one of Birmingham, Alabama, will have charge of the Y. M. C. A. canteen activities at Camp Upton. In France there are more than two hundred women in canteen service, and it is expected that this number will soon be equalled in American camps.

Bishop G. C. Clement, Dr. J. W. Wood, Rev. Mrs. H. E. Peters and Miss C. L. Tshablala are expected to sail for Africa January 1, 1919. $4,000.00 needed.

TIME EXTENDED FOR COLLECTING THE QUITTAH BUILDING FUND.

By Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, Cor. Secy.

Several months ago there was an appeal sent out to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to raise a certain amount of money to finish the Quittah school building at West Africa and to return our missionaries, Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshabalala to their field of labor. The time arranged for the close of the drive was May 30, 1918. Two or three things have arisen to cause the Board to see that it is best to extend the time for the collecting of this money, and we believe every one will be happy in the fact that the time has been extended, as it will give opportunity to more of the district officers to organize their districts and raise the $100.00 to secure a gold medal or the $50.00 for a silver medal. This can be done easily, by every district officer asking a definite amount from each local society, and in turn every local president distributing enough of the Missionary Cards among her members to make it easy for each member to collect and contribute as much as one dollar for this cause. The required amount will be easily raised and no one over burdened.

Several of the district officers have already by this method raised $100.00. Others have almost reached the goal.

The Board has decided to give every one ample time in which to secure these much coveted medals, and has extended the date for reporting to Mrs. Smith to July 31, and will have the medals awarded at the Council in Asheville, N. C., August 12-14, 1918.

Because of the drive for the Debt Paying Rally being on, we have refrained from publishing our appeal; instead we have sent it through the mail to every local officer with whom we are in correspondence. We realize there are many of our local presidents with whom we have had no correspondence and we want these to take this appeal and respond at once.

It is now that we must show our mettle, and of what force and power we are in the church.

We have never had a more worthy cause or a more

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Christ's Command.

Preach good news to every nation,
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Jesus made His great oblation
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Having thus redeemed His people
  By so great a sacrifice,
"Go," He says, to each disciple,
  "Preach the Gospel without price."

Tell them of God's love and kindness,
  What the Lord for them has done:
To deliver them from blindness
  Through His well-beloved Son.
"Go," for Jesus Christ commands you,
  Preach the Gospel in all lands:
And the Holy Ghost will guide you,
  Strengthen and uphold your hands.

S. Z. BEAM.

The mineral wealth of Africa passes all competition. Johannesburg produces one-third of the world's gold supply. Ninety per cent. of our diamonds come from Kimberly and the other mines of South Africa.

AFRICA AND THE WAR.

New conditions have arisen in Africa because of the war. Problems which can only be settled by recognizing the right of men to live on the earth as a free moral agent, are to be adjusted. In widely separated sections of Africa there is strife and unrest which has caused a mighty struggle to be projected. Not only has Europe presented to the nations the spectacle of warring Christian nations, but the nations themselves have been drawn into the conflict. So that in Africa we have tribe arrayed against tribe, in the service of their masters.

Imagine Zulus, from the British Province of Natal, fighting their brethern, eighteen hundred miles to the north, because they happen to live under the German flag. It is to the credit of the native African that his confidence in the white man's religion has not been destroyed through this experience. But England and France have conquered all German territory in East and West Africa. Therefore the natives that had spoken German all these years will study English and French. The final outcome of the war will give to the race and the nations of the world a great African empire. The darker races will come into their own.

JOAN OF ARC, THE GREATEST SOUL IN HISTORY.

How She Saved Her Country.

**"Know all men and take heed therefore,
that the most high, the most illustrious Charles,
by the grace of God, King of France, hath been
pleased to confer upon his well-beloved servant,
Joan of Arc, called the Maid,
the title, emoluments, authorities and dignity of
General-in-chief of the Armies of France."
Proclamation by the Herald-at-arms.**

During the coming seven weeks from the 8th of May to the 17th of July, 489 years ago, Joan of Arc saved France. Ninety-one years of war had desolated the land. In a seven-weeks' campaign an illiterate shepherd girl, seventeen years old, confronted the ruins of her country, wrung from despair magnificent victories, and consummated her sublime mission on earth!

How did she these immortal deeds? That is a riddle no one has ever answered.

Her page and secretary writes of her thus:

She sat on her black horse, clothed all in white armor, dreamy, beautiful, and in her face a deep, deep joy, a joy not of earth, oh, she was not flesh, she was a spirit. There is that in her heart that raises her above men—high above all men that breathe today—for in her is that mysterious something that puts heart into soldiers, and turns mobs of cowards into armies of fighters—fighters who go into battle with joy in their eyes and songs on their lips, and sweep over the field like a storm—that is the spirit that can save . . . and that alone, come it whence it may!

Veteran commanders said Joan of Arc was a genius in war in all ways, but greatest of all in her management of artillery.

She recruited a new army. And then whom did she send for to take charge under her of that roaring rabble?

"Why," writes her secretary, "she has sent for Satan himself—that is to say La Hire that military hurricane, that lurid conflagration. . . . Does he know how to deal with that mob? Better than any man that lives! With him Joan rode through the camp a dozen times a day, and whenever they appeared the enthusiasm broke forth. . . . She

worked hard; sharing the rough labor of the common soldiers, helping to place cannon and build bridges with her own hands, and then taking her place at the head of an assault. One might say that her motto was 'Work! Stick to it! Keep on working! for in war she never knew what indolence was. And whoever will take that motto and live by it will be likely to succeed!"

On the 8th day of May, Joan liberated the city of Orleans which had been under siege by the enemy for seven months. As she, at the head of her column, rode through the streets "acres of people crowded about Joan to touch her feet, her horse, her armor, and even knelt in the road and kissed her horse's hoofprints. Not a face in the glare of the bonfires but had tears streaming down it. No other girl in history has ever reached such a summit of glory as Joan of Arc reached that day. But she went straight to bed and to sleep like a tired child. Hers was the greatest and simplest heart that ever beat. . . . Whatever thing men call great, look for it in Joan of Arc, and there you will find it."

June 18 she won the victory of Patey.

At dawn, France was dying. At noon, France was France, set again in her high place by a battle which lasted only three hours, but which stands among the greatest in history. That day arose and swelled and never since has ceased the great cry—Joan of Arc, Savior of France!

Then came the end of the flawless triumph, July 17, when Joan of Arc gave back her sword to her beloved France. On that day the impossible dream of the poor shepherd girl came true. France was free! And by her hand!

Before a vast assemblage of the great ones of the land, Joan stood beside the king in the cathedral of Rheims and heard him say:

"Whatsoever you ask, it shall be granted!"

And her answer was: "O gentle king, I pray you give commandment that my village, poor and hard pressed, may have its taxes remitted. I have no other desire. To be allowed to work for France, to spend one's self for France, is so supreme a reward that nothing can add to it—nothing!"

She had saved a nation! And she asked as her reward that the taxes be remitted to her native village, so that the simple and hard-worked people could hoard a little money!

Joan of Arc, the greatest soul in history—the greatest of commanders—the greatest of statesmen, knew the vital need of thrift, of laying something by. She who was patriotism made into flesh and blood, she knew how closely is thrift entwined with content and happiness and love of country!

"It shall not returneth unto me void," for as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it.—Isaiah.

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urgent need, than the uplift of the womanhood of Africa. Then let us altogether fall in line and do the big thing that is in our power to do.

We need every dollar that we can get. Our Foreign Missionary Secretary and Bishop G. C. Clement are expected to sail for Africa January 1, 1919. Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshabalala will go with them and one or more missionaries for Liberia. So let us do our best. $4,000.00 is needed for traveling expenses alone and $3,500.00 for the Keta school building. Will you help?

CONSERVATION OF RESULTS AND PASTORAL EVANGELISM.

An Item of Interest to Pastors.

Starting things and leaving them unfinished results in colossal waste. Conservation is the neglected part of evangelistic work. The Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council has prepared five methods to meet this need. They are equally valuable in the work of any church, even without the special evangelistic campaign.

They are published in booklet form and furnished at cost to pastors, the entire five postpaid for fifteen cents.

Address the Commission on Evangelism, 402 Marquette Building, Chicago, Ill.

Samples of Decision cards and Forward Step cards furnished free and in quantities at cost.

East St. Louis, Ill., April 3, 1918.

Rev. J. W. Wood, D. D., Cor. Secy. of F. M. Board, 1231 Cornell Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

By Dear Dr. Wood: Your official letter came to my office a few days ago. In reply would say I shall do all I can to help this department of our Zion. We should do our "bit" toward the spiritual uplift of our people, and the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ.

We are doing our best to gather the people together who were scattered by the horrid riot of July 6, 1917. Out of one hundred and fifty members I can find but fifty. Our congregation is increasing and I am very hopeful for the future.

Have a little patience with us, and you will find we will do our part. My prayer is that God will bless your effort and that you will succeed in getting the amount you need to enable you to carry out your plan.

Yours for the spread of Christ's Kingdom,

E. St. Louis, Ill. G. A. HAINES.

MISSIONARY WORK, WILMOT DISTRICT.

By Rev. H. L. Davis.

Editor the Seer: We have just closed a most successful Missionary mass meeting held at Zion Hill A. M. E. Zion church, Parkdale, Ark. Mrs. H. A. Marshall, president, presided. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Sarah Sirgelton, secretary; devotional committee, Mrs. Toria Houston and Mrs. M. Harris; finance committee, Mrs. Sirgelton, Mrs. Mary Shaw, Miss Lelia Walker.

Among those present were Rev. M. Meachum, Mrs.

D. J. Adams, Dr. D. J. Adams and Brother A. Anderson. Eloquent sermons were preached by Revs. H. L. Davis and M. Meachum. The Missionary Department is still alive under the faithful work of this good woman, Mrs. Marshall, and the good pastors and missionary women of the Wilmot District. Pray for our continued success. Total collection was $27.50. May the Lord help us to do better next time.

THE HELENA DISTRICT PROGRESSIVE.

By Rev. L. D. Davis, P. E.

Dear Mr. Wood: We want the readers of the Seer to know that the above named district is really progressive, and the pastors are interested in every department.

St. Paul, Little Rock, Ark., is pastored by Rev. W. E. Show, D. D., our returned missionary from Africa. Dr. Show is a real pastor and knows how to plan for the success of the church. He is succeeding nicely.

Coleman Chapel, Gethsemane, pastored by Rev. W. H. Robinson, is one of our best churches in this district. They have just finished a real neat frame church. It is a beautiful church with gallery and committee rooms. Rev. Robinson is a good pastor and knows how to keep his church alive.

Zion Chapel Cir., Rev. J. C. Cobb, is doing well. Jones Chapel, Rev. G. W. Baird, is pastor. Elder Baird is a strong pospel preacher and guarantees a a round report.

Postee, Ark., Rev. T. B. Berry, is busy building a new church. Watch Brother Berry. He is a hustler and will succeed. Walt's Chapel, pastored by Rev. H. L. Leok, is arranging to entertain the District Conference. Is doing well.

Hot Springs, Ark.: Our church is pastored by Rev. S. H. Viel, from West Alabama Conference. Brother Viel is a good man and believes that he can bring good results. Revs. Sims, Rowsey and W. H. Howard and Mrs. Otera Berton each are serving mission points, and will bring good reports when Conference meets in November.

Little Rock, Ark.

AN APPEAL FOR THE WOMANHOOD OF AFRICA.

Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshabalala to Sail at an Early Date—The Campaign Now Opens to Raise Money to Complete the Building Erected for the Training of Girls and Women.

The Foreign Missionary Board is preparing to send Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshabalala to Africa in January, 1919, to take up the work of giving Christian training to the girls and women of the Gold Coast, West Africa.

Mrs. Peters returned to this country two years ago for the express purpose of collecting money to complete the building erected by Dr. Shaw, but general war conditions prevented her from carrying out her purpose.

Since it has been found that it is imperative that Mrs. Peters return to Africa it is equally necessary that this building be completed that she may have a place in which to live and carry on the work for the girls.

We are appealing to your hearts, your souls, women of America. This is your opportunity to set before the African woman the open door of self-deliverance from her present condition. "No nation can rise above its women," is as true of the African woman as of the women of all other races. Will you help to raise her educational and Christian standard? Not until this is done can Africa be fully redeemed. The effort has been made for many years to Christianize Africa by educating its men, but not until the womanhood is raised to the same level, receives the same training, will the curse of ignorance and superstition be lifted from this benighted people.

Mrs. Peters has a vision and a plan how this may be accomplished. We believe in Mrs. Peters and her power to carry out her plan, with divine assistance and our co-operation. God has given us Miss Tshabalala to help her in this work. A trained African woman, trained in the best schools of our land, she is willing and anxious to return to her own people and give them the same training that she has so abundantly received.

Have you heard Mrs. Peters tell the story of the life of the African woman? Have you heard Lillian Tshabalala plead for "my people?" If you have, then we know there will be a ready, willing and generous response to this appeal.

The Executive Board of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society will raise funds from the Missionary Society and its Auxiliaries, boarding schools and individuals; Dr. J. W. Wood, Secretary of Foreign Missions will work through the pastors, Sunday Schools, Varick Christian Endeavor Societies and any other organizations that will assist.

This is the day of doing big things in the line of money-raising for humanitarian purposes—Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Emergency Aid, and a host of other organizations have raised millions for the war sufferers. We are not asking for millions, but we are asking that you give something for this very worthy cause, the redemption of the womanhood of Africa.

Soliciting cards have been printed for this campaign, so the workers may reach thousands of others who may never see this appeal. These cards are unique, in that every one who "gives" does so because he cannot "go." Twelve reasons are stated why the gift is made, and there is space for twelve people to give on each card.

Every member of every Missionary Society, Young Women's Society and Buds of Promise should fill at least one card. Each President should urge that this be done, and wherever it is possible get other friends to do the same.

Every card should be returned with not less than $1.00, and a real earnest, energetic worker could easily make it $5.00, as the reasons for giving are so appealing.

That the workers may have a souvenir of the campaign, gold and silver medals will be awarded, not to one person, but to every society and individual who raises the required amount: First, to the District Officer in each department of the Missionary Society; second, to any Sunday School Superintendent; third,

to any local officer in each department of the Missionary Society; fourth, to any President of Varick Christian Endeavor Society; fifth, to any individual. The requirement is, that $100 be reported for the gold medal and $50 be reported for the silver medal. This money must be sent to Mrs. Ida V. Smith, 1309 R street, N. W., Washington, D. C., as Building Fund money, on or before May 30, 1918. Each department reports separately. Money to be raised by the soliciting cards or otherwise.

Ten cards may be had free of cost for this campaign, by ordering at once from the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, 624 South Sixteenth street, Philadelphia, Pa.

We are asking that you help prepare the African women to meet the changed conditions that will confront her when this war is over. The "democracy" that is being planned for all the peoples of the world does not include the African. His is to be a servile position, and he is to be ruled over by a federation of nations. This will not long continue if the women are freed from ignorance and superstition, and the home life is raised to the Christian and civilized standard of the world.

Will you help to make this possible? If you will, then act at once. Begin with yourself, make your own contribution first, then ask your neighbor, your friends, and do not stop until you have put this appeal strongly before every one you meet.

Let the slogan be, The Education of Its Women, the Redemption of Africa.

Faithfully, your co-workers,

REV. J. W. WOOD, D. D.,
Secretary Foreign Missions.
REV. FLORENCE RANDOLPH,
President W. H. and F. M. Society.
MRS. IDA V. SMITH, Treasurer.
MISS V. RICHARDSOH,
Secretary Y. W. M. S.
MRS. G. W. CLINTON,
Superintendent Buds of Promise.
MRS. J. W. BROWN,
Secretary Supply Dept.
MRS. LIZZIE PEARCE,
Recording Secretary.
MRS. A. W. BLACKWELL,
Corresponding Secretary.
RT. REV. GEO. C. CLEMENT, D. D.,
Bishop of the African Work.

THE MISSIONARY WOMEN OF THE NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE IN THE LEAD.

Three Gold Medals to Be Awarded Its District Officers—Can You Beat It?

Mrs. A. W. Blackwell.

It has been agreed by every one who attended the recent session of the New Jersey Conference that it was the best from every viewpoint in its history.

The good Bishop was happy in his ruling, and presided with dignity and grace.

The reports from the field were splendid, and the spirit of giving was in the air.

There were in attendance many notable visitors from every part of our Zion, all filled with good cheer and happy over the full reports made for every department of the church.

It being the tenth anniversary of Bishop Clinton's superintendency in this Conference, he was tendered a reception. On Thursday night the brethren did themselves proud, by expressing their good will and appreciation of his service in a purse of more than $200.00.

The pastor, Rev. S. D. Conrad, and members of St. Stephens church, served a toothsome repast in the basement of their beautiful new church. The elite of Asbury Park and the nearby cities were present to participate in the feast of reason and flow of soul.

Friday night was Missionary night. The splendid leader of the General Society, Rev. Florence Randolph, is District President of this Conference. She had her forces well in hand. That peerless magnetic speaker and missionary worker, Mrs. Henrietta Peters captured her audience and so charmed and swayed them by the eloquence of her appeal that they laid $105.00 on the altar for the Quittah building.

Saturday afternoon was Missionary Day, and because the district officers had planned their work, raised their money in the local societies, sent their delegates and local officers to this meeting, $230.00 was laid on the table. And after collection Sunday night of $35.00 more, made a grand total to the credit of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of $370.91. Great is the New Jersey Conference, and that includes the missionary women, for they are a large part of that Conference.

Three gold medals to the District Officers.

Can you beat it?

Philadelphia, Pa.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Walters' A. M. E. Zion Church, Demerara, British Guiana, South America.

The twenty-sixth quarterly Conference report of Walters' A. M. E. Zion church and her two Missions, Alstork's and Beulah, in Demerara, British Guiana, So. America, for January-March, 1918, we submit, with gratitude to Almighty God. The quarter passed away satisfactorily, despite the fact that war conditions were very sore and almost intolerable. Our Macedonian help through Miss Ella Robinson for the Missionary Ladies of York, Pa., U. S. A., was a glad welcome and surprise. Some sash windows were again put in and Miss Mary Smartt, who received a windfall from the government for her brother in the front through our advocacy and direction, presented the church with a beautiful altar lamp.

Without exception, all the churches, according to our King's proclamation, sincerely and fervently wrestled with God on the first Sunday in the year, 6th January, a special prayer and thanksgiving day, for the triumph of right and liberty.

As God is no respecter of persons so the proclamation was not in any way selfish in the selection of particular churches in the British Dominion for the general national appeal to Almighty God to bow down and listen to the heart-delivered prayers of the church on that memorable day for victory; and we are sanguine that the clouds shall soon be passed and victory earned through the "Might and Power of God."

We felt holy pride that His Majesty, the King, had decreed that the special prayer and thanksgiving day without any exception whatever, be observed and we emphasized that point in favor of the necessity, importance and efficacy of prayers by the clean and righteous which many without the eye of faith ridicule in many ways in these modern days. Public and silent lamentation and weeping ascended to the throne of God on account of the very prohibitive prices traders, big and small, do extort from the masses of the people for the bare necessaries of life.

That the masses of the people are suffering awfully bad cannot be denied. We know it for it's our lot to be among the poorest of the poor. We desire to assert that if our paternal government could be so charitable as to provide "bonuses" for salaried officers, the same pure motive and sweet charity on its part should prevail and issue in something being done early to relieve the tension of the double oppression and privation, as a resultant of the great war, experienced by the masses whose foodstuffs and other articles of constant use ar beyond the purchasing power of the masses. The physique of the masses has deteriorated badly in consequence. Let "profiteering zeal" be moderated for humanity's sake and for Christ's sake, lest Divine interference step in in a mysterious way to the irreparable hurt of the "profiteering spirit."

Our foreign supply department under Mrs. J. W. Brown of New York, N. Y., came up to our assistance at the nick of time with two barrels of missionary goods and we are so thankful to God and the General church for the godsend during these brick-hard war times.

The wonder is how some of the poor manage to exist; but their very hairs are numbered by their Creator, God, who provides for the birds of the air, etc., and how much more for His own "likeness and image;" especially those that walk uprightly.

"Fear not, therefore, but watch and pray." We visited Beulah Mission, Wakenaam, in January, after a long time; had a baptism and administered the Holy Sacrament.

There was no increase nor decrease in the united membership. The receipts were slightly in excess of last quarter's. All the institutions, private day school, Sunday school, United Self-Help Society were in a healthy and improved condition; especially the latter, whose first anniversary is about to be celebrated.

The Extension indebtedness to one of our creditors, the Georgetown Cocoanut Estate, Ltd., under Captain H. Daley, was fully discharged with our appropriation!

Our expenditure was $212.09, which was greatly in excess of the receipts. May the spirit of mission and charity take a broader and deeper hold on Christendom for the glory of God and the development and embellishment of God's Kingdom.

We are glad to note that our interference and intercession lessened litigation among the members and adherents and produced domestic peace. God be praised.

Thanking God for our guidance and success, our presiding Bishop, Rt. Rev. J. W. Alstork, D. D. LL. D.; our foreign Missionary Secretary, Dr. Wood; Supply Department; the Rev. Mrs. Florence Randolph, General President of the W. H. and F. M. S. in behalf of New Jersey District for a batch of hymnals received; the Board of Bishops; the W. H. & F. M. S. and all others, at home and abroad, and praying for continued support, we close this report.

Respectfully submitted by W. A. Deane, P. E., Pastor, Founder, Missionary.

THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

December First 1917 to February Twenty-eighth, 1918

IDA V. SMITH, Treasurer

First Episcopal District.

Brought over from the Second Quarter $1,355.58

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Brooklyn District.

Mrs. Ida L. Wallace, Dist. Pres.
Mrs. Ida V. Chaffin, Dist. Treas.
Second Quarterly Mass Meeting, Fleet Memorial Church, December 11, 1917.

Fleet Memorial Church	$ 5.00	
Fleet Memorial Church—Supply	.50	
New Rochelle	1.50	
New Rochelle—Supply	.25	
Portchester	2.50	
Portchester—Supply	.25	
Portchester—African Child	5.00	
Mt. Vernon	3.00	
Mt. Vernon—Supply	.50	$18.50

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.
Mrs. J. E. Boyd, Dist. Secy.

Fleet St. Memorial	$ 4.00	
Fleet St. Memorial—Supply	.50	
New Rochelle, St. Catherine	1.50	
New Rochelle, St. Catherine—Supply	.25	
Portchester, St. Francis	1.00	
Portchester, St. Francis—Supply	.25	$ 7.50

BUDS OF PROMISE.
Miss M. Moore, Dist. Supt.

Fleet St. Memorial	$ 1.00	
New Rochelle	1.00	
New Rochelle—Supply	.25	
Portchester	.10	
Portchester—Supply	.25	$ 2.60

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$18.50	
Y. W. H.	7.50	
Buds	2.60	$28.60

Long Island District.

Mrs. M. L. Harvey, Dist. Pres.
Mass Meeting, Westberry, August 30, 1917.

Lakeville	$ 2.00	
Westberry	2.50	
Hempstead	2.00	
Bellport	.25	
Oysterbay	2.00	$ 8.75

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Lakeville	$ .50	
Hempstead	.35	$ .85

W. H.

Second Quarterly Mass Meeting, Hempstead, December 6, 1917.

Public collection	$ 2.40	
Lakeville	1.50	
Oysterbay	1.50	
Hempstead	2.00	$ 7.40

Y. W. H.
Mrs. Grace Levi, Dist. Secy.

Mrs. Grace Levi	$ 1.50	$ 1.50

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Lakeville	$ .50	
West Berry	.50	
Oysterbay	.50	$ 1.50

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$13.75	
Y. W. H.	1.50	
Buds	2.35	
Public Collection	2.40	$20.00

Hudson River District.

Mrs. A. L. Judd, Dist. Pres.

W. H.

Mrs. A. L. Judd	$ 8.00	
Supply	.25	$ 8.25

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Cornelia Davis, Supply	$ .10	
Mrs. Cornelia Davis	2.00	$ 2.10

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Annie Crawford	$ 1.75	$ 1.75

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$ 8.25	
Y. W. H.	2.10	
Buds	1.75	$12.10

New York Conference, $60.70

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Boston District.

Mrs. T. A. Auten, Dist. Pres.

		Supply	Boston Dist. Cont. Fund
Boston	$ 8.00	$ .25	$ .25
Boston	---	.25	.25
Cambridge	2.00	.25	.50
First Church, Providence, R. I.	1.00	.25	.25
Second Church, Providence, R. I.	1.00	.25	---
Worcester	1.00	.25	---
New Bedford	2.05	.25	---
Attleboro	.25	.15	---
--	$15.30	$ 1.65	$ 1.00

Y. W. H. & F. M. S.

Boston	$ 1.75	$ .10	---
New Bedford	1.50	.10	---
	$3.25	$ .20	---

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. M. A. Cartwright, Dist. Supt.

Boston	$ 3.00	$ .05	---
African Boy	1.00	---	---

Mrs. E. V. Surgett.

New Bedford	2.50	.05	.50
African Boy	1.00	---	---
	$ 7.50	$ .10	$ .50

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$15.30		
Supply	1.65		
Contingent	1.00	$17.95	
Y. W. H.	3.25		
Supply	.20	$ 3.45	
Buds	7.50		
Supply	.10	$ 7.60	$29.50
Contingent	.50	$ 8.10	

Hartford District.

Mrs. Martha B. Francis, Quarterly Mass Meeting.

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Della Eley, Bridgeport, Conn.	$ 1.00	
Mrs. W. H. Franklin, Derby, Conn.	.25	
Rev. Wakefield, New Haven, Conn.	.25	
Rev. W. D. Francis, Middletown, Conn.	1.00	
Rev. J. W. McDonald, Waterbury, Conn.	1.00	$ 3.50

Second Mass Meeting, Derby, Conn.

Rev. W. H. Eley, Bridgeport, Conn.	$ .50	
Rev. W. H. Francis, Middletown, Conn.	.50	
Rev. Wakefield, New Haven, Conn.	1.50	
Rev. L. C. Conquest, Danbury, Conn.	.25	
Rev. E. A. Carrold, Farrington, Conn.	.25	
Rev. W. D. Francis, Middletown, Conn.	.25	
Rev. J. W. McDonald, Waterbury, Conn.	1.00	$ 4.25

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. J. B. Wallace, Dist. Supt.

Second Mass Meeting, February 6, 1918.

Williamantic, Conn.	$ 1.50	
New Haven, Conn.	1.50	
Bridgeport, Conn.	.75	
Danbury, Conn.	.25	
New London, Conn.	.25	
Derby, Conn.	.25	$ 4.50

SUMMARY.

Y. W. H.	$ 7.75	
Buds	4.50	$12.25

New England Conference, $41.25

CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Bishop, L. W. Kyles.

Bishop L. W. Kyles from Annual Conference $51.50

Total for First District, $153.45

Second Episcopal District.

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE.

Bishop, G. W. Clinton.

New Jersey District.

Rev. Florence Randolph, Dist. Pres.

Quarterly Mass Meeting, Bayonne, February 14, 1918.

Red Bank	$ 4.00	
Somerville	2.00	
Hackensack	1.25	
Bayonne	2.00	
Englewood	2.00	
Middletown	2.00	
West, New Brighton	1.75	
Ridgewood	2.00	
Eatentown	5.00	
Paterson	3.00	
Jersey City	3.00	
Newark	1.75	
Passaic	1.00	
Plainfield	.50	$31.25
Ms. B. F. Wheeler, Supply	2.75	
Mrs. Ida Taylor, Life Member	4.00	$38.00

Mrs. M. A. Harper, Dist. Secy.

Y. W. H.

Mrs. A. M. Harper	$ 6.25	
Mrs. B. F. Wheeler, Supply	.75	7.00

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Carrie Goode, Dist. Supt.

Hackensack	$ 2.00	
Jersey City	1.00	
Bayonne	1.75	
Paterson	1.25	
Ridgewood	.75	
Red Bank	2.00	$ 8.75
Mrs. B. F. Wheeler, Supply	.75	$ 9.25

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$31.25	
Supply	2.75	
Life Member	4.00	
Y. W. H.	6.25	
Supply	.75	
Buds	8.75	
Supply	.55	$54.25

New Jersey Conference, $54.25

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

North Charlotte District.

Mrs. M. L. Clinton, Annual Conf.

Mrs. E. Luinn, W. H.	$ 3.00	
Mrs. J. W. Green, Y. W. H.	3.00	
Miss Addie McKnight, Buds	4.30	$10.30

Charlotte District.

Mrs. B. M. Watkins, W. H.	$ 2.00	
Mrs. C. W. Simmons, Y. W. H.	2.00	
Miss Beulah Moore, Buds	2.00	$ 6.00

Statesville District.

Mrs. Annie Robinson, W. H.	$17.00	
Miss Curley, Y. W. H.	1.00	
Mrs. Sarah Clement, Buds	4.50	$22.50

Lincolnton District.

Mrs. Martha Crawford, W. H.----------$ 1.75
Miss Alice Austell, Y. W. H.---------- 1.50
Mrs. Mary Taylor, Buds---------- 7.00—$10.25

Salisbury-Winston District.

Mrs. Anna Hauser, W. H.----------$ 2.80
Miss Mary Lynch, Y. W. H.---------- 1.80
Mrs. A. J. McCoy, Buds---------- 2.80—$ 7.40
Mr. P. O. Alexander ---------- 50.00—106.45
Annual Conference, $106.45

Lincolnton District.

Mrs. Theresa Henson, Gastonia, W. H.----$ 3.00
Miss May Miller, Rutherfordton, Y. W. H.-- 5.00—$ 8.00
W. H. ----------$29.55
Y. W. H. ---------- 14.30
Buds ---------- 20.00—$114.45
Western North Carolina Conference, $114.45

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

Hendersonville District.

Mrs. M. L. Clinton, Annual Conf.
Mrs. J. W. Maze, W. H.----------$ 3.50
Collection ---------- 3.00
Miss Johnson, Y. W. H.---------- 1.50
Collection ---------- 3.00
Mrs. M. L. Denny, Hamilton, Buds--------- 9.00
Collection ---------- 3.00—$23.00

Ashville District.

Mrs. McKinny, W. H.----------$11.00
Collection ---------- 3.00
Mrs. E. O. Cowan, Y. W. H.----------2.00
Collection ---------- 3.00
Mrs. Hattie R. Henderson, Buds---------- 11.00
Collection ---------- 3.00—$33.00

Total Annual Conference, $56.00.
Mrs. Ella Quinn, Hendersonville, N. C.
St. Paul Church, W. H.----------$ 1.50

SUMMARY.

W. H.----------$22.00
Y. W. H. ---------- 9.50
Buds ---------- 26.00—$57.50
Blue Ridge Conference, $57.50

EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Mrs. Alice Erwin, Wider, Va., W. H.----------$10.00
East Tennessee Conf. ---------- 10.00
Total District, $236.25
Total Second District, $236.25

CAHABA CONFERENCE.

Bishop, J. W. Alstork.

Selma District.

November 28, 1917.
Mrs. M. J. Campbell, Dist. Pres., W. H.----$ 3.50
Miss T. Jackson, Dist. Secy., Y. W. H.---- 6.63
Mrs. Cora Young King, Dist. Supt., Buds- 5.18—$15.31

Greensboro District.

Mrs. A. M. Williams, Dist. Pres., W. H.--$10.77
Miss Emma Griffin, Dist. Secy., Y. W. H.-- 7.72—$18.49

Demopolis District.

Mrs. S. L. Blackledge, Dist. Pres., W. H.--$31.02
Miss Louise Kyler, Dist. Secy., Y. W. H.-- 12.32
Miss Hattie L. Posey, Dist. Supt., Buds---- 11.70—$55.04

Selma District.

Clinton Chapel, Buds ----------$ .36

SUMMARY.

W. H. ----------$45.29
Y. W. H. ---------- 26.67
Buds ---------- 17.24—$89.20
Selma District----------$15.67
Greensboro ---------- 18.49
Demopolis ---------- 55.04
Cahaba Conference, $89.20

SOUTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Bishop, J. W. Alstork.
Annual Conference, December 5, 1917.

Georgiana District.

Mrs. Eliza Payne, Dist. Pres., W. H.-------$23.00
Mrs. Mary Jones, Dist. Secy., Y. W. H.---- 5.00—$28.00

Beauton District.

Mrs. Susan Payne, Dist. Pres., W. H.-------$38.85
Mrs. Anna Batchelor, Dist. Secy., Y. W. H. 1.05
Mrs. Florella Kirkman, Dist. Supt., Buds-- 1.05—$40.95

Greenville District.

Mrs. Eliza Payne, Dist. Pres., W. H.-------$30.50
Mrs. Lemmie Martin, Dist. Secy., Y. W. H. 5.00—$35.50

SUMMARY.

W. H. ----------$92.35
Y. W. H. ---------- 11.05
Buds ---------- 1.05—$104.45
Greenville District ----------$35.50
Georgiana District---------- 28.00
Beauton District ---------- 40.90—$104.45
Total Third District, $193.65
South Alabama Conference, $104.45

Fourth Episcopal District.

PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Bishop, J. S. Caldwell.

Washington District.

Miss Sarah Janifer, Dist. Pres.
Mrs. Annie Owens, Dist. Treas.
Mass Meeting, Trinity Church, February 22, 1918.

W. H.

Metropolitan Church, Third Quarter-----$ 5.00
Union Wesley Ch., Second and Third Quar. 5.10
John Wesley Ch., Second and Third Quar. 3.00
Galbraith Church, Second and Third Quar. 3.00
Trinity Church, Second and Third Quar.-- 2.00
Arlington, Va. ---------- 3.00
Mrs. Mary McCullough, Gettysburg, Pa.---- 4.00
Carlisle, Pa., Second Quarter, W. M.------ 1.50—$26.61

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Ada Battle, Dist. Secy.

Union Wesley Church----------$ 1.00
John Wesley Church---------- .50
Mrs. Gertrude Brown, L. Mem. in full----- 9.00
Galbraith Church ---------- 1.00
Arlington, Va.---------- 1.50—$13.00
W. H. ----------$26.61
Y. W. H. ---------- 4.00
Life member ---------- 9.00—$39.61

Philadelphia District.

Mrs. Ella Caldwell, Dist. Pres.
Second Quarterly Mass Meeting, Avondale, Pa., Dec. 6, 1917.

W. H.

Mrs. Rachel Whitten, Bethsaida Mission--$ 2.50
Mrs. Martha Hicks, Wesley Church-------- 5.30
Mrs. Mary Barnes, Varick Church-------- 1.60
Mrs. Anna Woody, Avondale, Pa.---------- 1.00
Mrs. Gaines, Delta, Pa.---------- .50
Mrs. Ella Robinson, York, Pa.---------- 5.85—$16.75

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Alice Burchett, Dist. Secy.

Wesley Church ----------$ 1.00
Rev. Davis, Allentown, Pa. ---------- 1.00
Varick Church ---------- .30
Rev. Tucker, Delta, Pa. ---------- .50
Rev. Turner, Avondale, Pa.---------- .25—$ 3.05

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. B. E. Blalock, Dist. Supt.

Rev. G. M. Oliver, Varick---------- $1.00
Rev. W. A. Turner, Avondale, Pa.---------- .50
Rev. J. W. Martin, Faron Cir.---------- 1.00
Rev. C. E. Tucker, Lincoln University---- .25
Rev. Eugene Hacks ---------- .25—$ 3.00
W. H. ----------$16.75
Y. W. H. ---------- 3.05
Buds ---------- 3.00—$22.80
Philadelphia District---------- 22.80

Washington District ---------- 39.61—$62.41
Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference, $62.41

ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE.

Pittsburg District.

Mrs. Henrietta Peters' Report.

Rev. Renson, Sewickley, Pa., W. H.------$40.00
Rev. Taylor Avery, Mission, W. H.------ 7.18
Rev. E. C. West, Corapolis, Pa., W. H.-- 5.25—$ 52.43
Mrs. A. L. Anderson, outside engagements.
Mrs. H. Peters and Miss L. Tshbalala, W. H. ---------- 77.05
Rev. G. W. Gaines, John Wesley Church, Pittsburg ----------116.00
Rev. C. Clayton for Mrs. Watkins, Carnegia, Pa. ---------- 6.72
Mrs. Bullard, Carnegie, Pa., Y. W. H.--- 6.72
Mrs. Moore, Carnegie, Pa., Buds-------- 5.71
Mrs. Jennie Dobbins, Y. W. H.---------- 21.25—231.45
Mrs. L. Tshbalala for:
Rev. T. H. Turner, Blairsville, Pa.------ 28.05
Rev. P. H. Williams, Johnstown, Pa.---- 30.00—$ 58.05

SUMMARY.

W. H. ----------$309.25
Y. W. H. ---------- 26.97
Buds ---------- 5.71—$341.93
Allegheny Conference, $341.93

OHIO CONFERENCE.

Mrs. H. Peters for:
Mrs. Randolph, Cincinnati, O., W. H.----------$11.75
Mrs. Blanch Dillard, New Castle, Pa.---------- 22.50—$34.25
Ohio Conference, $34.25
Total Fourth District, $438.59

Fifth Episcopal District.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Bishop, G. L. Blackwell.

Chicago District.

Mrs. Henrietta Peters for:
Mrs. A. R. West, Walters Ch., W. H.------$15.72
Miss Virginia Claxton, Y. W. H.---------- 5.01—$20.73
W. H. ----------$15.72
Y. W. H. ---------- 5.01—$20.73
Michigan Conference, $20.73

WESTERN NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Rochester District.

Mrs. Amy Fonvielle:
Auburn, N. Y., W. H.----------$ 1.00
Rochester, N. Y., W. H.---------- 2.00
Buffalo, N. Y., W. H.---------- 1.00
Buffalo, N. Y., Y. W. H.---------- 1.00
Buffalo, N. Y., Buds---------- 1.00
Ithaca, N. Y., W. H.---------- 2.00—$ 8.00

SUMMARY.

W. H. ----------$ 6.00
Y. W. H. ---------- 1.00
Buds ---------- 1.00—$ 8.00
Western New York Conference, $8.00

WEST CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, Annual Conf., November 28, 1917.

Greensboro District.

Mrs. Mary Turner, Greensoro, N. C., W. H.$54.20
Mrs. Mary Turner, Greensboro, L. M., W. H. 12.40
Miss Bessie Fushee, Greensboro, N. C., Y. W. H. ---------- 24.00
Mrs. L. Debury, Greensboro, N. C., Buds- 5.00
Public Collection ---------- 4.00—$99.60

Concord District.

Mrs. L. A. Litaker, W. H.----------$21.68
Mrs. L. A. Litaker, Life Member---------- 20.00
Mrs. Mamie Haynes, Y. W. H.---------- 21.75
Mrs. Effie White, Wadesboro, Buds------- 16.00
Public Collection ---------- 4.00—$83.43

Wadesboro District.

Mrs. L. P. Deberry, W. H.----------$46.00
Mrs. E. A. Covington, Wadesboro, Y. W. H. 26.00
Mrs. N. A. Stewart, Buds---------- 5.50
Public Collection ---------- 4.00—81.50

SUMMARY.

W. H. ----------$133.88
Life Members ---------- 32.40
Y. W. H. ---------- 71.75
Buds ---------- 26.50—$264.53
West Central Conference, $264.53

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Petersburg District.

Mrs. Nannie Brooks, Dist. Pres.
Annual Conference, December 5, 1917.

W. H.

Life Member for Mrs. Ella Bolding
Mrs. Minerva Taylor----------$ 1.00
Mrs. Rosa Smithson ---------- .75
Mrs. Esther Tucker ---------- 1.00—$ 2.75
Mrs. Nannie Brooks, Life Member for
Mrs. Ida L. Dance ----------$12.00
Mrs. Ida L. Dance ---------- 8.00—$20.00
Rev. J. T. Smith ---------- 2.00
Mrs. Sadie Long ---------- 2.00
Public Collection ---------- 7.50—$11.50—$34.25

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Esther Tucker, Dist. Secy.
Life Member ----------$ 1.00—$ 1.00

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Ella Bolding, Dist. Supt.
Mrs. Ella Bolding, Life Member----------$14.00
Mt. Zion ---------- .75
Mrs. Louise Hilton ---------- 1.50—$16.25

SUMMARY.

W. H. ----------$ 4.00
Life Member ---------- 22.75
Collection ---------- 7.50
Y. W. H. Life Member---------- 1.00
Buds, Life Member ---------- 16.25—$51.50
Petersburg District, $51.50

Norfolk District.

Mrs. E. V. Parsons, Dist. Supt.
Annual Conference, W. H.----------$31.00—$31.00
Annual Conference, Y. W. H.---------- 18.90
Mrs. M. A. Everett, Dist. Supt.---------- 18.90

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. M. O. Garcy, Dist. Supt.
Mrs. M. O. Garcy, Mass Meeting---------- $1.00
Metropolitan Church, Norfolk---------- .50
St. Thomas, Berkley, Va.---------- 2.50
Long Ridge, Hickory, Va.---------- 2.75
Sunbury, Gales Co.---------- 1.00
Mt. Pleasant, Va.---------- 1.75
St. Andrews, Norfolk, Va.---------- .50
Suffolk, Va.---------- 1.00
Oilmarton, Va.---------- 1.00
Brighton, Portsmouth---------- 1.75
St. Joseph---------- .25—$14.00

SUMMARY

W. H.----------$31.50
Y. W. H.---------- 18.90
Buds ---------- 14.00—$64.40
Norfolk District, $63.90
Virginia Conference, $115.40
Total, Fifth District, $408.66

Sixth Episcopal District.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

Bishop, A. J. Warner.
Mrs. S. A. Cook, Goldsoro, N. C., Y. W. H.---------- $4.00
Total, Cape Fear Conference, $4.00
Total, Sixth District, $4.00

Seventh Episcopal District.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

Bishop, L. W. Kyles.
Mrs. Nettie Fields, St. Louis, Mo., W. H.---------- $3.00
Total, Missouri Conference, $3.00

INDIANA CONFERENCE

Mrs. Bell Streets, Dist. Pres.

Mass Meeting:

Mrs. Lottie Johnson, Jones Tab., Y. W. H.	$3.08	
Mrs. Lizzie Nickles, St. Marks	1.00	
Mrs. Ophelia Jones, Campbell Chapel	.50—	$4.58

Y. W. H.

Miss Laura Chambers, Jones Chapel	$3.00	
Miss Laura Chambers, Supply	.10	
Mrs. Lula Bonaparte, Caldwell Chapel	.75—	$3.85

BUDS OF PROMISE

Mass Meeting:

Mrs. Helen McGowan, Jones Tab.	$5.00	
Mrs. Helen McGowan, Supply	.05	
Mrs. Sarah Davis, Caldwell Chapel	.50	
Mrs. May McMurry, Campbell Chapel	.25	
Mrs. May McMurry, Supply	.10—	$5.90

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$4.58	
Y. W. H.	3.85	
Buds	5.75	
Supply	.15—	$14.33

Total, Indiana Conference, $14.33

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Bishop L. W. Kyles, Annual Conference, W. H. $31.37

Total, Arkansas Conference, $31.37

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Mrs. Josephine Bishop, Modesto, Cal., W. H. $1.00

Total, California Conference, $1.00

Total, Seventh District, $49.70

Eighth Episcopal District.

Bishop R. B. Bruce.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Lancaster District

Mrs. H. A. Bruce, Annual Conference, Nov. 27, 1917.

Mrs. H. D. Crawford, Dist. Pres., W. H.	$26.80	
Miss Roxie Beckham, Y. W. H.	11.00	
Miss Mattie Beckham, Y. W. H.	5.50—	$43.30

Lancaster District, $43.30

Rock Hill District

Miss L. E. Whitesides, Catawa, W. H.	$12.25	
Mrs. C. J. Ramsue, Rock Hill, W. H.	12.25	
Mrs. M. Carringan, Buds	7.45—	$31.95

Rock Hill District, $31.95

York-Chester District

Mrs. S. M. G. Byrd, Chester, S. C., W. H.	$7.50	
Mrs. E. E. James, Chester, S. C., Y. W. H.	7.50	
Mrs. A. G. Branch, Ft. Lawn, Buds	6.00—	$21.00

York-Chester District, $2100

Cheraw District

Dr. L. Bragg Anthony, Sumpter, W. H.	$12.60	
Mrs. E. C. Bingham, Cheraw, Y. W. H.	13.20	
Miss flattie Campbell, Buds	5.90—	$31.70

Cheraw District, $31.70

SUMMARY

W. H.	$59.15	
Y. W. H.	49.45	
Buds	19.35—	$127.95

Total, South Carolina Conference, $127.95

PALMETTO CONFERENCE

Camden District

Mrs. H. A. Bruce, Annual Conference, Nov. 21, 1917.

Mrs. Julia Chavis, W. H. $38.00

Columbia District

Mrs. J. C. Bann, Dist. Pres., W. H. $38.00

Spartenburg District

Mrs. S. M. Ray, Dist. Sec.

Distrlct Conference, Y. W. H.	$3.00	

SUMMARY

W. H.	$76.00	
Y. W. H.	3.00—	$79.00

Palmetto Conference, $79.00

Total, Eighth District, $206.95

Ninth Episcopal District.

Bishop W. L. Lee.

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Bishop W. L. Lee, Annual Conference, Nov. 21, 1917, $13.65

Total, South Mississippi Conference, $13.65

Central Alabama Conference

Bishop W. L. Lee, Annual Conference, Nov. 28, 1917, $20.00

Total, Ninth District, $33.65

Tenth Episcopal District.

Bishop G. C. Clement.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

Knoxville District

Mrs. Emma Clement, Annual Conference.

Mrs. Martha Mitchell, Knoxville, W. H.	$20.00	
Mrs. Carrie Watkins, Y. W. H.	2.11	
Mrs. Sarah Hooper, Buds	3.00—	$25.11

Knoxville District, $25.11

Athens District

Mrs. Callie Jones, Knoxville, W. H.	$8.00	
Mrs. Willie Sherman, Athens, Y. W. H.	2.00	
Mrs. Annie Richardson, Marysville, Buds	5.35—	$15.35

Athens District, $15.35

Chattanooga District

Mrs. D. H. Sanson, Nashville, Tenn., W. H.	$3.20	
Mrs. Bessie Dann, St. Elmo, Y. W. H.	3.00	
Mrs. McIntyre, Buds	.65—	$6.85

Chattanooga District, $6.85

La Fallett District

Mrs. M. L. Huffin, W. H.	$4.00	
Mrs. Sarah Page, Y. W. H.	2.50	
Mrs. R. C. Galloway, Buds	7.65—	$14.15

Public Collection, Applied Life Member

Mrs. Emma Clement	$11.56	
Annual Conference	73.02	
Mrs. Vila Carter, Kizer, Tenn., W. H.	1.20	
W. H.	$47.96	
Y. W. H.	9.61	
Buds	16.65—	$74.22

Tennessee Conference, $74.22

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Louisville District

Mrs. May Spaulding, Life Matron In full.

Mrs. Lizzie E. Pearce, W. H.	$2.00	
Mrs. Mattie Davis, Y. W. H.	.80	
Miss Katie Henson or Harrison, Y. W. H.	.50—	$3.30

SUMMARY

W. H.	$2.00	
Y. W. H.	1.30	
Life Matron	3.30	

Kentucky Conference, $3.30

WEST KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Henderson, Ky., W. H. $1.00

Total, West Kentucky Conference, $1.00

WEST TENNESSEE AND MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Coffeeville District

Mrs. Matilda Sellers, Sumner, Miss., W. H. $5.00

Mrs. Emma Clement, Annual Conference, Nov. 28, 1917.

Mrs. Texanna Williams, Albin, Miss., W. H. $10.00

Mrs. Leona Broker, Sumner, Miss., Y. W. H. 8.00
Mrs. E. L. Walker, Coffeeville, Miss., Buds 1.00
Mrs. Fannie House, Swan Lake, Buds 7.00
Public Collection at Conference 18.80—$44.80

Coffeeville District, $44.80

Sumner District

Mrs. Ella Sanders, Drew, Miss., W. H. $12.53
Mrs. Ivory Scott, Allegator, Miss., Y. W. H. 7.52
Mrs. Hattie Towns, Glendora, Miss., Buds 7.50
Public Collection at Conference 15.50—$43.05

Sumner District, $43.05

Marks District

Mrs. J. A. Petty, Courtland, Miss., W. H. $5.00
Mrs. Leona Coles, Lambert, Miss., Buds 2.50
Public Collection at Conference 8.00—$15.50

Marks District, $15.50

Memphis District

Mrs. A. L. Tucker, Public Collection $6.10
Buds 8.55—$14.65

Memphis District, $14.65

SUMMARY

W. H. $32.53
Y. W. H. 15.52
Buds 26.55
Public Collection 48.40—$123.00

Total, West Tennessee and Mississippi Conference, $123.00

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Bishop G. C. Clement, Annual Conference, Nov. 7, 1917, $15.00

Total, Oklahoma Conference, $15.00

Total, Tenth District, $216.52

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS BY CONFERENCES

First Episcopal District

New York Conference $60.70
New England Conference 41.25
Central North Carolina Conference 51.50— 153.45

Total, First District, $153.45

Second Episcopal District, Bishop G. W. Clinton.

New Jersey Conference $54.25
Western North Carolina Conference 114.45
Blue Ridge Conference 57.50
East Tennessee Conference 10.00— $236.20

Total, Second District, $236.20

Third Episcopal District, Bishop J. W. Alstork

Cahaba Conference $89.20
South Alabama Conference 104.45— $193.65

Total, Third District, $193.65

Fourth Episcopal District, Bishop J. S. Caldwell

Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference $62.41
Allegheny Conference 341.93
Ohio Conference 34.25— $438.59

Total, Fourth District, $438.59

Fifth Episcopal District, Bishop G. D. Blackwell

Michigan Conference $20.73
Western New York Conference 8.00
West Central North Carolina Conference 264.53
Virginia Conference 115.40— $408.66

Total, Fifth District, $408.66

Sixth Episcopal District, Bishop A. J. Warner

Cape Fear Conference $4.00— $4.00

Total, Sixth District, $4.00

Seventh Episcopal District, Bishop L. W. Kyles

Missouri Conference $3.00
Indiana Conference 14.33
Arkansas Conference 31.37
California Conference 1.00— $49.70

Total, Seventh District, $49.70

Eighth Episcopal District, Bishop R. B. Bruce

South Carolina Conference $127.95
Palmetto Conference 79.00— $206.95

Total, Eighth District, $206.95

Ninth Episcopal District, Bishop W. L. Lee

South Mississippi Conference $13.65
Central Alabama Conference 20.00—$ 33.65

Total, Ninth District, $33.65

Tenth Episcopal District, Bishop G. C. Clement

Tennessee Conference $74.22
West Mississippi Conference 123.30
West Kentucky Conference 1.00
Kentucky Conference 3.30
Oklahoma Conference 15.00— $216.52

Total, Tenth District, $216.52

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS

First $153.45
Second, Bishop G. W. Clinton 236.20
Third, Bishop J. W. Alstork 193.65
Fourth, Bishop J. S. Caldwell 438.59
Fifth, Bishop G. L. Blackwell 408.66
Sixth, Bishop A. J. Warner 4.00
Seventh, Bishop L. W. Kyles 49.70
Eighth, Bishop R. B. Bruce 206.95
Ninth, Bishop W. L. Lee 33.65
Tenth, Bishop G. C. Clement 216.52—$1,941.92

Grand Total, Ten Districts, $1,941.92

DISBURSEMENTS

Dec. 18, 1917—Dr. J. W. Wood, foreign work $1,414.02
Dec. 28, 1917—General treasurers' expenses, postals, letters, etc. 2.94
Dec. 31, 1917—Reserved Fund, Life Members 99.31
Supply Department 2.85
African Children 35.00
Dr. W. H. Goler, Girls' Dormitory 51.11—$1,625.23

Total, December, $1,625.23

Jan. 30, 1918—Mr. J. W. Crockett, 100 circulars and cards $12.50
Salary to Gen. officers, Dec. and Jan. 141.66
General treasurer's expenses, special delivery and mailing letters 2.38
Mr. J. W. Crockett, letterheads, envelopes expressage 10.00
Mrs. M. Peters, missionary, traveling expenses through conferences and Miss Tshbalala, missionary 124.20— $290.74

Total, January, $290.74

Feb. 19, 1918—General treasurer's expenses, repairing typewriter $1.00
General treasurers fare to bishop's meeting and return 38.14
General treasurer, street car fare and board 4.00
Miss Tshbalala, traveling expenses from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Washington, D. C., then to Cambridge, Mass. 11.77
Telegram and expressage on trunk, etc. 5.32
General treasurer's expenses, 1,000 sheets of paper and envelopes 4.00
Postage on 62 letters at 3 cents 1.86
Postal cards, 54 at 2 cents 1.08
Supply department 6.60
Life members 13.00
Life Matrons 2.00
African Boy 2.00
Contingent Fund 1.50— 107.12

Total, February, 107.12

Total, three months' disbursements, 2,023.09

SUMMARY

W. H. and F. M. S. $1,345.29
Y. W. H. and F. M. S. 318.23
Buds of Promise 278.40—$1,941.92

Grand Total from All Sources, $1,941.92

Life Members $112.31
Quittah Fund 50.00
Life Matrons 2.00
Education, child 5.00
Supply 9.45
Contingent fund 1.50
African Boy 2.00
Girls' Dormitory 51.11

	Received	Disbursed
December	$1,383.46	$1,623.23
January	385.87	290.74
February	1,752.59	107.18
Totals	$1,941.92	$2,023.09

Brought forward from second quarter $1,355.58
Received 1,941.92
Brought forward 1,355.58—$3,297.50
Total received $3,297.50
Total disbursed 2,023.09
Cash balance $1,274.41
Paid to foreign work, third quarter $1,274.41
Paid to foreign work, convocation 225.20
Paid to foreign work, convocation 8.00—$1,507.61
Paid foreign work third quarter $1,507.61

No balance in treasury.

LIFE MEMBERS IN FULL

Dec. 8, 1917—Mrs. Emma Clement, Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. Ella Bolding, Petersburg, Va.
Mrs. Ida Dance, Dendron, Va.
Mrs. L. A. Litaker, Concord, N. C.
Feb. 21, 1918—Mrs. Lizzie E. Pearce, Louisville, Ky. (L. M.)
Feb. 27, 1918—Mrs. Gertrude C. Brown, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Ida Taylor, Eatontown, N. Y.

THE GREAT WAR—CAN WE KNOW THE RESULT?

W. E. Videto.

How is the present titanic struggle to end? How will it go with England? with Germany? with the United States? These are questions which today cause earnest inquiry.

Thus far the results of the war have refused to tally with the forecasts of any of the war prophets. All have failed wholly or in part when they have attempted to tell us of the future.

There is only one reliable interpreter of the future, and that is the Word of God. Many a perplexing problem might be settled if men would take the trouble to search the old Book.

Some are trembling at the spectre of a universal military dominion ruled from Berlin. To these anxious ones the second chapter of Daniel has a definite message.

The image which the king saw in his dream, as recorded in this chapter, was an epitome of the history of the world. The head of gold was Babylon; the silver, brass, and iron were respectively Persia, Greece, and Rome. These were to be the last universal dominions, for, "Whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided." Dan. 2:41.

This divided state represented by the iron and the clay which refuse to mix will continue until the end of the world. "And in the days of these kings (the nations which divided between themselves the old Roman empire) shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed." This prophecy has stood the test of time. Europe has trembled more than once lest she be engulfed by a military despotism, guided by a genius like Charles V or Napoleon. But such schemes have always failed. The iron ever refuses to mix with the clay. So shall it be "until He come whose right it is."

The Bible does not tell us directly how the present war will end, but it does give us a pretty clear view of the last war, which is to end in the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:14, 16), at Megiddo, a strategic point to the northwest of Jerusalem. This is the time when Turkey, "the king of the north," shall come to his end and none shall help him." Dan. 11:45.

In fact, the collapse of Turkey, described as the drying up of the river Euphrates, the chief river of the Turkish Empire, prepares the way for the final struggle which will take place on Turkish soil.

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet . . . to gather them (the kings of the earth) to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Rev. 16: 13, 14. Verse nineteen of the same chapter also speaks of the division of the world into three parts.

The dragon represents paganism—doubtless Japan and China, whose emblem is the dragon, with the other pagan races of Asia which will help to swell the ranks of the "kings of the east."

The nations described by the "beast" would seem to be Europe, the seat of the Roman Empire.

The "false prophet" is the two-horned beast of the latter part of Revelation 13, which is to deceive the people by doing great wonders, signs, and miracles. Many students of the Bible identify this power with the United States, believing that it will sometime lose its lamb-like character and speak as a dragon.—The Watchman.

No program of standards of giving of yesterday are adequate to the needs, responsibilities and opportunities of today. If the war is doing nothing else, it is certainly teaching us that our former standards of sacrifices and devotion to the cause of Christ have been entirely inadequate. The call of the hour is for the local church to reshape its program as a united family that a new devotion and consecration and loyalty to Christ and the work of His Kingdom may be apparent. Such a plan will call for a most careful study of the whole missionary task and opportunity and for more heroic gifts of time and service as well as money.

SHALL CHURCH DEBTS HINDER US FROM EVANGELIZING THE WORLD.

There are many churches, when asked to do larger things for missions, that hide behind the church debt. If you tell them there are great opportunities in Africa just now, they reply, "When we get our $10,000 debt paid off we will help." When you urge that this is the crisis time in China, some reply, "We are just building a new church and will have a debt on hand. As soon as that is paid we will answer the call of China." When the Macedonian call of India is heard, others reply, "We have just exhausted ourselves paying off the church debt, and we must have a little rest before we undertake anything else." So the church debt acts in very many cases as a barrier to world-wide evangelism.

If the church has a debt, if it had a debt or thinks that it will have a debt, this is made an excuse for doing but little or nothing for Foreign Missions. For

such churches as these the great commission needs to be revised. It should read like this: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; **if you have no church debt.**" "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **provided you have never had a church debt.**" "Go make disciples of all the nations, **unless you are dreaming of having a church debt.**" "Ye shall be My witnesses, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth, **if there is no church debt.**"

It will be remembered that one man in the Scriptures was given much praise because "he had built a synagogue." But it also says that this same man had been generous in making contributions to other worthy causes. Is it possible that the modern church is going to allow its brick, stone, gymnasium, pipe organ, plate-glass windows and beautiful building to stand in the way of performing its real task as a church? Is it possible that our great and splendid buildings which have been erected to the glory of God shall actually delay the sending of the Gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth?

OMEN OF ULTIMATE VICTORY.

(By the Rev. W. H. Carwardine.)

The sign of the cross has lowered the sign of the crescent in the Holy Land. The capture of Jerusalem will be heartening to the allies and bring joy to Christians and Jews throughout the earth.

It is phenomenally significant from every standpoint. Biblical prophecy is fulfilled. Retribution to the Turk has come. The long looked for return of the Jews to the ancient city under the Zionist movement is made possible.

The opening up of the holy places of sacred interest in the life and tragedy of the Christ to Christian inspection and control is effected after nearly 700 years of domination by the Moslems.

Joshua, 1,444 years before the Birth of Christ, captured a portion of the city. Under King David, it later became the capital city of the Jewish people.

In 588 B. C., Jerusalem was taken by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. This was followed by the exile of the Israelites.

Under Cyrus, king of Persia, in 536 B. C., Jerusalem was restored and the Temple rebuilt. The overthrow of the Persian power by Alexander the Great brought Jerusalem under the Greek dominion. In B. C. 302 the whole of Palestine came under the control of Egypt.

In 63 B. C., Jerusalem came under the control of the Roman Empire. Years of changing masters brought horrible disasters to the ancient city. Successively under Antiochus, Seleuchus Philopater, and Antiochus Epiphanes, it felt the rage of these contending parties.

This resulted in the revolt under the Maccabees, until in 63 B. C., when Pompey brought the city under the control of Rome.

In 70 A. D., then foretold by Christ, the city was destroyed under Titus. It was the most disastrous siege of all human history. Under Constantine the Great, Christianity gained world power. In 637 A. D., the Moslem power arose, and the Holy City passed under their control.

In the year 1,000 A. D., began the era of crusades, seven in all. Jerusalem was captured by Godfrey de Bouillon in A. D. 1099.

The city was retaken by Saladin in 1,187, and the Ottoman Empire has retained its hold up to the present British occupation.

Notable events in the great Palestine campaign is the gradual capture by the allied armies of such noted sacred sites as Hebron, associated with the history of Abraham, progenitor of the Jewish race; Gaza, where Samson stole the gates of the city, and Joppa, ancient seaport.

FOREIGN MISSIONS AND THE OBJECT OF THE WAR.

No American group should be more concerned in having this great war end right than those who support the foreign missionary boards and societies of America. For, unless this war results in a League of Nations banded together for justice and security and bringing general disarmament, a new era in military development will be upon us with all its far-reaching and frightful consequences.

President Wilson has recently stated that "it is of the greatest importance that the object of the war should be kept before the people in order that they might be prepared at its conclusion to support the government in taking part in a League of Nations to secure enduring peace."

Judge Wadhams, reporting this statement to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, asks, "Why should not the churches throughout the country make it one of their foremost, if not their very foremost, duty at this time to keep the subject constantly before the congregations and bend every possible effort in order to secure this great end."

Pastors who have secured the latest copy of "Missionary Ammunition" should read the section on "Christianizing International Relations."

All leaders of Mission Study classes and all pastors should at once secure the new literature prepared for the World Alliance for International Friendship and

the Commission on International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Here will be found material specially prepared for use in classes and discussion groups which will enable them to understand the world problem and the nature and purposes of the proposed League of Nations. It will also show them how they can effectively contribute their own personal effort for securing the League of Nations and for establishing a Christian World-Order.

Address, World Alliance for International Friendship, 105 East 22d Street, New York City.

BUDDHA INVADING THE UNITED STATES.

S. M. Barnard, in American Home Missionary.

Some months ago I received an invitation to attend a Sunday afternoon service at the Buddhist temple in Los Angeles in honor of the birthday of Buddha. Accompanied by some friends, I went.

The temple is located in one of the less favored parts of the city, but is in easy access to two good car lines. It is a two-story frame building on a hill and is in full view for quite a distance.

The building was crowded, and people stood in the aisles for more than three hours to hear what would be said in a Christian nation in honor of Buddha. First, we heard the sound of gongs to drive away the evil spirits. Then three Buddhist priests took their places before the altar and engaged in a wierd chant.

A priest then came forward with a sacred book and read an "oration to Buddha." Two little Japanese girls ascended to the altar and bowed to an image of the god.

A Los Angeles citizen took charge of the meeting and introduced a Japanese musician and afterwards a cultured American woman, each of whom rendered special music.

One of our city councilmen gave an address in behalf of the city, expressing appreciation of Buddha and his followers. The mayor was to have done this, but was not present.

A leader in Red Cross circles told how the Japanese in Los Angeles had enlisted 1,200 strong in her work.

A Persian woman and her American husband rendered a Persian song; a Persian prophet compared Buddha and Christ; an East Indian woman expounded Buddha's teachings, and a Los Angeles doctor lectured on the sacredness of all life, saying that he could easily worship at the altar of a horse.

The British consul spoke briefly, but had not much to say for Buddha. Not so the Japanese consul, who had much to say, urging that Christianity should make a more careful and sympathetic study of Buddhism. The priest closed the symposium, and a lunch for the audience was spread on the temple lawn.

Brethren, is not this sufficient argument for home missions?

SLANDER.

It is easy to counsel young men and women to avoid the appearance of evil. It is easy to say that he who cultivates character need have no fear for his reputation.

But even preachers of these platitudes know that they are not true. As long as scandalmongers exist reputations can be shattered over night, no matter how honestly and how toilfully they have been acquired.

Many are the ways of starting evil reports, and many are the sorts of people who engage in this scoundrelly business.

One of the penalties of real achievement is the breeding of envy in the unsuccessful. It is a curious fact that a successful man, no matter how he has accomplished his success, finds himself hated by many people who never saw him, and of whom he has never heard.

Why this is, no one can say. Great achievement is always of benefit to the race. The man who paints a great picture, who writes a great novel, who makes a great invention, contributes to the happiness or to the prosperity of all human kind.

Yet these are the very men singled out by scandal for its work of destruction.

John Keats, one of the greatest of poets, and the kindest, gentlest soul who ever held a pen, became a subject for villainous attack by the unsuccessful scribblers of his time.

Every schoolboy knows that Christopher Columbus, after the most prodigious exploit in the history of the world, became the victim of malicious enemies. He was imprisoned on trumped-up charges, and robbed of all the honors he had won.

And the Powers who had trusted him, and who had vastly profited by his discoveries, were the first to believe the lies that were told about him.

Sir Walter Raleigh, one of the most daring and courageous, as well as the most intelligent of Englishmen, was executed because baseless charges had been brought against him—charges which those in office were quick to credit.

These are instances of the operation of scandal many years ago, but they are little different from cases that occur today.

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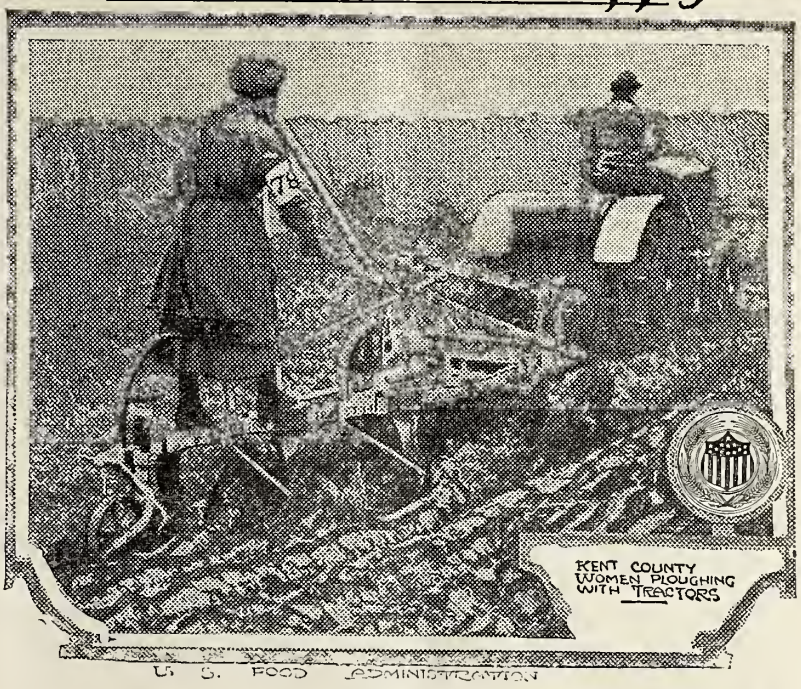

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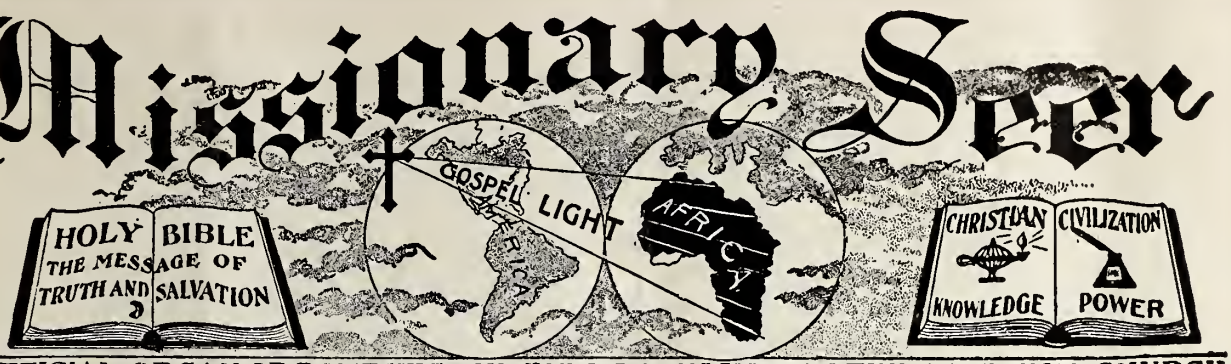

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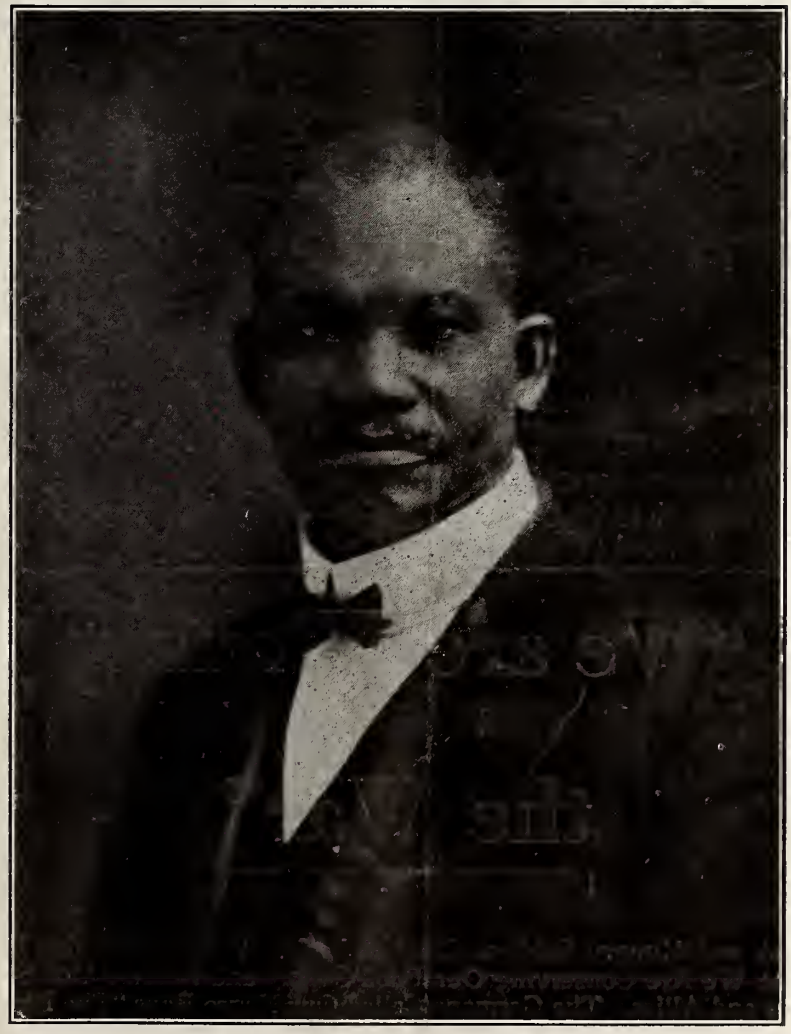

BISHOP GEO. LINCOLN BLACKWELL, D. D.

Of the Fifth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, is one among the most scholarly and eloquent men of the Negro race. As a financier he leads. His district was assessed $2,300.00 for the Debt Paying Rally. He paid every cent of it at the commencement at Livingstone College. Since then he has raised $200 more. See his article in this issue of the Seer.

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"We are Winning the War"

Weak and Hungry Soldiers Can Not Fight. We Are Winning Because We Are Conserving Our Food Supply and Feeding Our Soldiers and Allies. The Germans Called Our Negro Boys "The Black Americans". All Black America is Happy in the Thought That "Fast Black Will Not Run." Let Us Feed Our Boys by Eating Less.

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Glimpses of the Bright Stars

The fight is on; the call for men is sounding;
For men of courage,—men of moral might;
Men who pause not to question or to quibble;
To whom the wrong is wrong, and right is right.

Not men who, Esau-like, would sell their birthright
To satisfy the lust of selfish greed.
But men who deem the sacred right of franchise
A trust, by which to serve their brother's need.

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In contemplation of created things by steps we may ascend to God.

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Bishop A. J. Warner, D. D., continues in good health. He is strong and vigorous. No bishop is beloved more than he by the men of his Episcopal district. Bishop Warner is a great friend and supporter of The Seer. The entire work over which he presides is in the very best of condition.

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The management of our publication house at Charlotte, N. C., is to be commended for its ability to tide over its recent crisis. It is to be regretted that we have lost a very large percentage of our Sunday School patronage. To receive the unstinted support of our people we must do our best to give them the best that can be had on the market. We commend Professor Crockett, the manager; Dr. J. Harvey Anderson, editor of the "Star of Zion," and Dr. J. Francis Lee, editor of our Sunday School Literature for their indefatigable labors in holding things intack at the publication house.

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Bishop G. C. Clement, D. D., is still the gallant fighter of the Tenth Episcopal district. The men of his district admire him. He is highly respected by all of the people with whom he has to do. He is expecting to sail for Africa about January 1, 1919. "If through the war zone," I fear that he will make the trip all alone, because the editor of this paper does not like submarines. See?

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That educational congress held at Greenville, Ala., in the interest of the Lomax-Hannon Industrial College was a "corker." They raised money down there by the hundreds. See report later. Bishop Alstock and the gallant men and women of the Third Episcopal district know how to do things, and the word "failure" is not found in their dictionary.

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Bishop Robert B. Bruce, D. D., the busy trojan of the Eighth Episcopal district, is pressing forward, building new churches, remodeling and repairing old churches and parsonages, organizing for systematic work, and calling his entire reserve forces into service. He is a trenchman of the truest type known and beloved by all men.

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Rev. Mrs. F. Randolph, Pres. W. H. & F. Missionary Society; Mrs. M. L. Clinton, Supt. of the Buds, and Mrs. Ella J. Caldwell and Miss Victoria Richardson of the "Y's.," Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, Cor. Sec. and Mrs. Ida V. Smith are doing splendid work for the cause.

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Bishop G. W. Clinton, D. D., speaks upon the word translated "Honest," viz:

"Provide things honest in the sight of all men." The word translated "honest" is rendered "honorable" in the Revised Version. It is the word that is translated "good" in the passage: "Even so let your light shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5, 16). It means not only the morally right, but the attractive, the beautiful, the winning. We are to provide things that are universally recognized as admirable, not only those that can be technically defended as in accordance with law. Between the legal and the honorable there often is a very great difference. And this quality of our actions is not to be vindicated simply by our own judgment of them. They are to commend themselves to the opinion of all men as "honorable." We have no right to say: "My action satisfies me. I do not care what others think about it." We ought to care. A doubt thrown upon the perfect uprightness of the Christian's conduct should give him the concern that a spot upon his fur gives the ermine.

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Rev. A. L. Gant, pastor of Campbell's chapel, Indianapolis, Ind., is having phenomenal success. In his recent rally he raised several hundred dollars and paid off the mortgage indebtedness of long standing. The church had been under a heavy mortgage since 1892. Bro. Gant succeeded in paying the last dollar a few days ago. He is now making ready to remodel the church at a cost of several thousand dollars. He is

a good preacher and the people think well of him. The spiritual and financial condition of his church is fine.

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Russia not only contains representatives of Greek, Roman and Protestant Christianity, but has more Jews than all the rest of the world combined, and is the third Moslem nation, with between twenty and thirty million Mohammedans.

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As one result of the combined influence of revolution and of the Panama Congress, the various mission printing plants in Mexico are uniting and plan to publish a union paper and operate a union book depository. Like the new Union Theological Seminary in Mexico City, this is an illustration of the spirit of co-operation now found among missionary forces.

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There are now 125,000 Chinese laborers in the war zone in Europe. This is certain to have a great influence upon the future evangelization of China, for good or for evil, in proportion as they are reached by degenerating forces or come under the power of the Gospel message.

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One of the most striking, though indirect, results of Christian missions in India was seen in the assembling in a convention in Bombay of 5,000 members of the "untouchable" classes, who met to discuss the Home Rule Movement and to protect the civil rights of the 50,000,000 people whom they represented.

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One article in the new constitution of Mexico provides that none but native-born Mexicans may exercise the functions of the ministry. This need not hinder evangelical work but may prove a powerful stimulus to the training of native pastors by the missions.

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The state of Yucatan, sometimes called "the Utopia of Mexico," has made remarkable progress. It established 1,200 rural schools in the past two years, waged successful campaigns against the liquor traffic, smallpox and other evils, and passed very enlightened labor laws.

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The aviation camp near San Antonio, Texas, which brings together some 8,000 young men, is one of the points where Bible study is being most successfully promoted by the Young Men's Christian Association.

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A Major-General in the Imperial Japanese Army is the leader of a deputation sent by the Young Men's Christian Association of Japan to visit the Allied Armies and to bring a gift of $10,000 for the Association work here.

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French rule in Morocco has greatly mitigated the conditions governing slavery, though private places for selling slaves still exist.

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The strategic value of Nairobi, a British mission station in Africa, is evident from the fact that in a place many miles away, where missionaries have been unable to enter, 700 boys have been under the instruction of one boy who had been at Nairobi.

Bishop J. S. Caldwell, D. D., speaks upon "Success that is worth while." He says:

"Success that is worth anything must be earned, must be waited patiently for before it is won. Our foremost men in every department of civil, of professional, of commercial, of literary life are gray-haired men. True, there are many promising men and women in every walk in life who are young; but they are not yet ripe, and cannot be till years have passed over them. Through the years they must work on steadily, persistently, constantly, under scorching suns, during long and weary days, along dusty and crowded thoroughfares, till the knowledge they have gathered and the experiences they have gone through have time to pass into wisdom.

"As there is a class of soil-tillers who realize handsomely from the sale of early vegetables and fruits, so there are those who in different ways succeed in making a 'hit' and reaping quick pecuniary returns. But, early flowers, early vegetables, early fruits are hothouse growths, and spring from rich and highly stimulated soils. The great crops of grain which feed the world are months in growing and maturing. The great writers and thinkers held in honor by their contemporaries shed their May blossoms years and years ago, lived through their Junes and Julys and Augusts, and now in the golden autumn of their lives are reaping their well-earned harvests."

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Drs. C. S. Whitted, J. W. Martin, C. C. Allyne, F. Francis Lee, J. H. Anderson and our laymen general officers, Dr. J. C. Dany, Prof. A. Brown, Prof. J. W. Crockett are making things "hum" in the interest of their respective departments. Dr. T. W. Wallace is now in France serving as chaplain in the U. S. A. contingent.

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Mrs. Lizzie Stewart writes from Scandia, Iowa, concerning the church there. She says: Our new church is completed, and the spirit of the people is high. Our members have given our pastor a four weeks' vacation. The Stewardess Board and Mothers' Club presented to our pastor $87 for a rug and two gasoline lamps. Rev. H. A. Perry of Des Moines, has been with us for a few days. Our Sunday School U. C. E. and Missionary Society are doing well. Miss Jewel Langby is greatly admired by us. She is the secretary of the church. Miss Burtin Stewart was united in marriage to Mr. Zebedia Graves on the 29th of May.

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We ask Bishop W. L. Lee, D. D., to name a few of his men who might be seen among the constellation of stars. In reply he said Dr. J. W. MacDonald is doing the biggest job in New England. He is a real master at Waterbury.

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Dr. I. E. Roach is struggling against a heavy debt at Providence, but he has lots of mettle and is sticking like a leach.

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Dr. W. A. Eley did a great work in Bridgeport. He is now planning a campaign in favor of the Greater Zion at Derby, Conn.

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Dr. R. R. Ball waxes stronger with every passing year. He is building a congregation at Hartford that will be a credit to the connection.

Dr. T. A. Auten is a master in Methodist parlance. He is the watchman of the New England district and he watches with a degree of faithfulness that challenges the admiration of all concerned.

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Rev. W. W. Matthews, of Old Ship Montgomery, Ala., has set a new pace for big church rallies. With a membership that had most assuredly gone asleep as everything in sight attested. Matthews came in from the Pacific coast blowing a five thousand dollar horn and awoke the slumbering hosts of our Lord who arose and came near to hear the trumpeter. He and the people got busy and rolled up five thousand and several hundred dollars in solid cash. Great is Matthews.

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Rev. W. H. Howard, B. D., of High Point, N. C., has just raised $1000 in a rally to remodel his church.

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The Sunday. School and V. C. E. convention held by Rev. M. F. Gregory, P. E., at Sebrell, Va., was a grand success. Prof. J. W. Eichelbryo was in attendance.

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Rev. S. P. Cooke, D. D., presiding elder and the Rev. A. S. Roscoe, pastor, have just bought a second church in Berkley, Va., corner 12th and Walker avenues.

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Drs. P. A. Wallace, A. A. Crooks, J. W. Brown, F. M. Jacobs, presiding elder, Mason and others of the New York conference, will attend the conventional council to be held at Ashville, N. C., Aug. 14.

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Dr. E. D. W. Jones and Dr. Jas. E. Mason, of the Western New York conference and others, will join the host of brotherhood at Asheville. Men and women from every section of the country will attend the council meeting to be held at Asheville.

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The W. H. and F. Missionary Society meets in executive session Saturday at 3 p. m., in the A. M. E. Zion church, College avenue, Asheville, N. C., Aug. 11. All members of the board are requested to be present. See program elsewhere in this publication. The presiding elders and pastors of the Tennessee, East Tennessee and Virginia and Blue Ridge Conferences will do much to make our meeting in this territory a big success.

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The work in California is prosperous and the entire forces of the far western front are to be commended.

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The following new churches have been established under the administration of Bishop L. W. Tyler during this quadrennium: A beautiful church in the Polo-Verde Valley, Cal., Rev. A. R. Simpson, pastor; Medora, Cal., fine church lot, 100x150, all paid for, the Rev. S. A. Knox, pastor. A fine church and congregation at Sacramento, Cal. Another fine church and congregation at McCloud, Cal. The pastor and people doing well. We regained a fine lot and property we lost some years ago at Napa, Cal. Bishop Kyles says much credit is due Dr. W. W. Matthews for the development of this work. Rev. Matthews proved a very efficient presiding elder and a tireless worker for Zion Methodism on the coast.

EVANGELS PLAN TO SAVE RUSSIA.

Alliance Formed in Chicago to Establish Tabernacle and Schools in Moscow.

CHICAGO—A great religious drive for the redemption of Russia is the aim of the Alliance for Evangelizing Russia, which has just been formed here at a general conference of delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada.

The alliance, in co-operation with the Russian Missionary and Educational Society, recently incorporated in Pennsylvania, is intended to form the hub of the movement in which similar societies in America, France, England, Sweden, Denmark and other nations will participate, according to officers now working out details of the big campaign to be opened early next autumn.

Moscow will be the clearing house of the proposed giant revival. In that city it is planned to rear a tabernacle at a cost of $300,000 and surround it with a group of educational and vocational schools ranging from kindergartens to colleges. Two orphanages for war children and a training school large enough for 2,000 students, who will be used in the task of spiritualizing Russia, are included in the plans.

"At last we have found our way clear financially to begin the great task of redeeming Russia," said Pastor William Fetler of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, who is now training 100 men who will go with him to Russia to take up the work under the direction of an executive board representing the various societies.

Russia Wants Religion.

"Russia, hungry for religion, is like a vast field ready for planting. The Greek church, more a police system than a church, against whose power four years ago all attacks were futile, has been abolished and its property seized by the radicals. Russia was more religious in the old days than she is now. It was a religion, however, that did not inspire or liberate. The present regime is without religion.

"A coalition government is coming, a democracy like the United States. In a few months, perhaps in September, the revolution will begin to bear genuine fruit and the real leaders of the people will go into control. Then will the big Russian soul seek spiritual consolation."

In the religious campaign, the English language will be taught alongside the Russian language, Pastor Fetler said, "for the Russians already realize the high place your language now takes in the world."

The late Gregory Rasputin, the "evil genius of Russia," four years ago brought about the exile to Siberia of Pastor Fetler for his gospel teachings, but later the sentence was commuted to affect them materially.

FRENCH DECLARATION OF RIGHTS PARALLELS U. S. CONSTITUTION.

So closely akin as to be practically identical, the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of the Rights of Man made by the Assembly of the French revolution one hundred and twenty-nine years ago stand out as beacons pointing to liberty and equality under the law to all citizens of each country. For the

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He who is Christ's is a new creation.

O, the gospel of the Lord
Must be carried all abroad
E'er He comes, e'er He comes.
Can the Master count on you
As a witness strong and true,
Till He comes, till He comes?

God respecteth not the arithmetic of our prayers—how many they are; nor the rhetoric of our prayers—how neat they are; nor the geometry of our prayers—how long they are; but the divinity of our prayers—how heart-sprung they are!

Bishop W. L. Lee, D. D., has conceptions of a new and more progressive plan for the increasing of our general claims. The plan is quite unique and requires thought and time for its adjustment to fit unto the present financial system of the church. The good bishop stands ready to defend the following suggestions which follow: "In every case let there be a maximum as well as a minimum amount to be placed upon the certificate of appointment—say from 5 to 10 per cent the regular assessment, making the maximum every year to become the minimum for the following year." Second, the benevolences do not share in this plan. The bishop further says "that we must make progress to live, or we can if we will die just where we are." We are sure that the bishop stands ready to make a red hot and comprehensive argument in the defense of this plan if it became necessary. What think ye of the plan? Will the council speak?

In Central Africa, over eighty years ago, a native boy was captured and sold into slavery. His master thought so little of him that he was offered in exchange for a horse. No one wanted him, and he was sent on board a Portuguese slaveship, chained and crowded together with hundreds of other slaves. The vessel was captured by a British man-of-war, and the black boy was free. He came under the influence of a Christian man, who led him to Christ, and educated him. The slave boy, despised and rejected by men, became Samuel Crowther, the first negro Bishop of Nigeria, honored by Christians the world over, and the means of bringing multitudes of his fellow-men into the kingdom of God.

You cannot tell what kind of a man that a boy will make. The editor of this paper was born in obscurity, dejected and kicked around when a child and given away several times. When an infant, reared without the care of mother or father, brother or sister, educated himself as best he could, entered the service of the Master in his youth. For fifty-two years he has pushed his way toward the front and if he never gets any further, he thanks God for the distance he has made by the help of those who have been friendly. From obscurity to within one step of the "top," is a splendid record, don't you think?

WILL WE EVER PROVIDE A PENSION FOR OUR WORN-OUT PREACHERS? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

"The Protestant churches have in their treasuries $34,000,000 for preachers' pensions and are actively engaged in campaigns which will bring this amount to at least $65,000,000," says Dr. J. B. Hingeley, corresponding secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Protestant Episcopal Church was the first to complete its campaign for $5,000,000, and Bishop Lawrence and his workers secured $8,500,000. The Methodist Episcopal Church has $12,000,000 in its general and annual conference treasuries. Dr. Hingeley reports $1,265,000 actually paid to the retired ministers, their widows and orphans in 1917. The Presbyterian Church, according to Dr. W. S. Holt, associate secretary, Philadelphia, has resources amounting to $6,559,933. Its goal is $10,000,000. The Northern Baptist has no fixed goal, but has at present $2,000,000 in funds and is seeking an additional million, according to its secretary, Dr. E. T. Tomlinson, New York City. The Congregational Church has $1,900,000 in hand for the welfare of its aged ministers. This consists of the state societies, permanent funds, the annuity fund and the National Board of Relief, says Dr. William A. Rice, New York. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has a fund of $1,200,000 and is seeking $5,000,000. Dr. J. R. Stewart, Nashville, Tenn., is secretary. The general synod of the Lutheran Church reports a fund of $150,000 and is in a campaign for $1,000,000 for endowment. The Evangelical Lutheran, Augustana Synod, with Rev. S. L. Lindholm, general secretary, Des Moines, has in hand $265,000. The laymen are gathering a fund of $500,000. The Church of Christ, according to its secretary, Dr. W. R. Warren, Indianapolis, Ind., has a permanent fund of $116,000, with $200,000 coming from the "Men and Million" movement, subscriptions to which are expected to be completed by the first of September. This church will undertake an endowment campaign for at least one million dollars.

FRENCH DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

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following text in French and English of the French Assembly's declarations The Star is indebted to Prof. Claude Michelon of the Alliance Francaise, and a former member of the faculty of the University of Paris:

Declaration Des Droits De L'Homme Et Du Citoyen.

L'assemblée constituante de 1789 a donné ce nom a l'ensemble des principes qu'elle adopta, dés le début de ses travaux, comme devant etre la base nécessaire de toutes les institutions humaines. Ces principes sont: égalité politique et sociale de tous les citoyens; respect de la propriété; souverainetè de la nation; admissibilite de tous les citoyens aux emplois publics; obligation imposée à chaque homme d'obéir à la loi; expression de la volonté générale; respect des opinions et des croyances même religieuse; liberté de la parole et de la presse; répartition équitable des impots consentis librement par les répresentants du pays.

Comme application de ces principes, l'assemblée constituante de 1789 decrète lors de la nuit du 4 aout, l'abolition de la noblesse, du régime féodal, des titres et de toutes les institutions portant attente à la liberté, et à l'égalité des droits.

Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizens.

The Constituent Assembly of 1789 gave this name to the group of principles it adopted as being the necessary foundation of all human institutions. These are the principles: Political and social equality of all citizens; respect of property; sovereignty of the nation; admission of all citizens to public employment; obligation of every man to obey the law; expression of general opinion; respect of religious creeds and opinions; liberty of speech and of the press; equal division of taxes imposed by representatives of the country.

Applying these principles the Assembly decreed from the fourth of August, 1789, the abolition of the nobility, of the feudal system, of titles and of all institutions interfering with the liberty and equality of the rights of the people.

The Seer would be pleased to name all of our pastors who have had successful rallies during the year. We can name only a few of them and we do so with a deal of pride. Among the men who have had glowing financial success are Drs. B. W. Swain, of Boston, Mass.; P. A. Wallace, Brooklyn, N. Y., and J. W. Brown and A. A. Crooke, of New York City, Drs. J. M. Oliver, A. Hammer and W. H. Eason, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Drs. G. W. Gains, of Pittsburg, Pa.; S. O. Swaan, P. H. Williams, and Dr. W. D. Chinton, of Pennsylvania, have wrought well. Also Dr. E. D. W. Jones, L. L. Words and others of the W. N. Y. conference. All have done well. Then going further east we mention Carroll, of York, Pa.; Drs. C. W. Brown, H. J. Callis, W. D. Battle, T. J. Moppin and our other pastors at Washington, D. C.; Dr. King at Norfolk, Va., Dr. Bolding, at Berkely, Alexander, at Petersburg, beat all former records. Our good pastors have done well everywhere. Drs. M. D. Smith, of Charlotte, N. C.; H. J. Jackson, of Charlotte, and the other pastors there have done well.

Drs. Speight, W. F. Riley, G. W. Johnson and W. W. Mathews of old have eclipsed all previous records. Our men have done well in the middle west. Drs. Jos. P. Foote, S. D. Davis, A. W. Blackwell, F. D. Douglas, B. G. Shaw, W. J. Walls and our good friend Melford, of Jacobs street, Louisville, Ky., have done well and yet none have done better than Drs. Black, at Knoxville, C. C. Stewart at Chattanooga, Mays, of Bristol, Tenn., and Thompson, of Asheville, N. C. All of our men have done well throughout the connection. Brethren, drop me a card and tell me about your work. We are always glad to have a line from the brethren.

We are pleased to call attention to a recent grant to the colored women of South Africa.

The Young Women's Christian Association has been at work in South Africa for more than forty years, but its efforts have been confined to the white women. A few months ago a deputation of colored women in the Cape Province appealed to the Executive Board of the National Council of the Y. W. C. A. to start work for them. A public meeting, held in Cape Town last September, was a crowded and representative gathering with the widow of the late Dr. James Stewart, of Lovedale, in the chair. Mrs. Stewart said that they felt that the call to open this new work came as a direct challenge and one which God in His providence surely meant them to accept.

The following resolution was carried unanimously: "That the National Council of the Y. W. C. A., having been approached by a deputation of colored women, recognize the time has come to establish a department of work amongst them, and agree to their request that a residential center be established under the auspices of the National Council."

Missionaries are hoping that the Association will soon commence similar work in Durban, Pretoria and Johannesburg. By all means Zion must go into South Africa. We need two bishops for Africa, one for the West Gold Coast colony and one for South Africa. They will be needed immediately after the war.

THEN BISHOPS WILL BE SKY PILOTS FOR FAIR!

LONDON—A wealthy business man offered to contribute a sum of money large enough to supply one of the missionary bishops of the Church of England with an airplane. "I believe this would enable the bishop to visit the outlying parts of his diocese with much greater ease than at present," said the writer.

The British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in making acknowledgment of the offer, says that while it can not at present accept the gift, it has no doubt that within a few years similar offers will be accepted, "and in this way some of our bishops who are in charge of large and scattered dioceses will be enabled to multiply their activities."

BREWERVILLE, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA, ZION CHURCH IN DISTRESS.

By Henry Chesson.

Dr. J. W. Wood, Editor of the Seer:

We are very sorry that everything is on the slump. We were sorry to hear of Brother Pierce being sick. He did good service here among the people. He is a good man and we are sorry that the devil is trying so with his young wife. Such is the Christian's warfare. We are glad that you have not forgotten us.

We are moving as best we can without a pastor. We have been hard pressed by the enemy for two years. We need a pastor. Other Methodist ministers have been here and administered the sacrament to us but we would rather have our own Zion minister to give us sacrament.

We are in distress. We need a good preacher and his wife to come among us and lead us on. We are glad to know that you will try to send us a good man and his wife soon. Don't send any inferior man here, for he will not do any good. We want a man of ability who can cope with other men who are here. We want an educated man and one who can hustle and do service among the people.

Brother Wood, I am not a preacher. I am in the way trying to hold things together for Zion and keep off intruders, for they are here. I haven't the ability to preach or do much, but all that I have I am giving it to the church of Christ. I was over at Mt. Coffee when your letter came. I was up there with Bro. Carter. Do please help him. He needs help and encouragement. He has been there two years and has received nothing from over there.

He is not a preacher but a real Christian gentleman. He came from the U. S. A. and was a Baptist but he seems to love Zion and is doing all he can to help the mission at Mt. Coffee. We are glad to hear from you and to know that you had not thrown us away.

Brother Wood, it seems to me that if there ever was a time for Zion to go forward in this country it is now. We need workers and money. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. May God help you and others to help poor old Zion in Africa. Tell the church to pray for us and let us all together make a long pull for our Zion, east, west, north and south in Africa. I wish that our arms were all around Africa. The dearest land in all the world.

HENRY CHESSON and WIFE,
Liberia, W. Africa.

DISTRICT MASS MEETING, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

(By Mrs. Martha Mitchell.)

Dear Mr. Wood—We are pleased to inform the public through the Seer that we are doing what we can for the cause of missions. We are here on the Knoxville district, Tennessee conference, led on by our zealous presiding elder, W. W. Mitchell, whose arms are upheld by the faithful district workers in the persons of Mrs. Martha Mitchell, district vice-president; Mrs. Carry Watkins, secretary of the Y. W.'s; Mrs. Lizzie H. Michael, superintendent of the Buds.

On the 27th and 28th of June we held a district mass meeting at Lomax Temple, Lonsdale, Tenn., which was very inspiring and helpful to the local presidents and delegates as well as encouraging to the district workers, and on the fifth Sunday, at 3 p. m., although a thunder storm began just in time to keep a great many people away, a good number were present to witness our program which was rendered to the delight of all present. Our P. E., W. H. Mitchell, used his influence wherever he went, to make the meeting a success and stayed with us throughout the meeting, giving aid and encouragement. Dr. J. L. Black, our broad-hearted pastor of Logan Temple, was on the scene each day manifesting great interest and proving to the women that he is with them in their earnest endeavors. Rev. A. L. Wilson, pastor of Warner Tabernacle, was there doing his bit and giving the women the assurance that he may be depended upon to help them at any time. Rev. William Harwell, pastor of the Oakland circuit, peeped in upon us and reminded us that he was heart and hand in the work. Rev. W. F. Madison, pastor of the church where the meeting was held, opened wide his doors, making us welcome to his church and the homes of his people. His entertainment of the meeting was all that could be desired. Rev. Hall and Rev. Wilson preached splendid sermons on Thursday and Friday nights. As to the reports, every charge on the district was represented by either one or all of the departments of the missionary work except one, and had the pastor at this particular exception been interested it too would have been represented.

We are praying for the day when every pastor and member of our beloved Zion will be fully endowed with the spirit of the Master, and heed the calls of our missionaries in foreign fields who are sacrificing in leaving their homes, friends, relatives and comforts for the sake of our unfortunate people in the dark land of Africa.

We are also determined to stand by you, Dr. Wood, and our own bishop, G. C. Clement, whose hearts are in the work and who has the special oversight of the field. Our financial report follows:

Raised in our meeting	$52.08
Expenses for programs, secretary, prizes, etc.	13.20
Total sent to Mrs, Smith, treasurer	$39.87

With the possibility of a supplement soon, Mrs. Smith has the amounts sent in by each society. A prize was offered to the president of the local society sending in the largest amount. The prize was the Seer for two years. Mrs. Cora E. Burk, of the Logan Temple church, was the winner. Another prize of the Star of Zion for one year was offered to the individual bringing in the largest amount. Mrs. Anna Williams was the winner. I am therefore enclosing one dollar subscription for the Seer for two years, which you may send to Mrs. Cora E. Burks, 701 Nelson street, Knoxville, Tenn.

MRS. MARTHA MITCHELL,
District Vice-Pres. and Reporter.

WEST GOLD COAST AND NIGERIA.

(By Rev. P. D. Ofosu Hene.)

Dear Mr. Editor—Please oblige me a space in your much esteemed journal for the insertion of the following. We are glad to learn that Mr. Isaac Esbenson, our missionary pastor who was away to Kumasie on inspection, has once more returned to our midst. Mr. Isaac is a hard-working man and through his efforts the new school house has been completed.

Mr. H. R. Wulffs, factor for Messrs. Abbor & Stewarts, who was appointed as the president of the Zion school, has the full love for Zion, and he is presently sailing the ship to the satisfaction of the public.

Our local preacher, Mr. J. G. Quansah, factor for Messrs. H. S. W. Russel & Coheanted, is doing a marvelous work in the church. His sermon during the

harvest thanks offering was very touehing and brought many souls to a eonversion. He has sworn to be in Zion till he shall be ealled to give an aeeount of his stewardship. Through him Mr. H. B. Addison, faetor for the same firm at Mangoase, beeame a tight friend to Zion.

Mr. W. E. Thompson has been appointed as our lay reader and he is presently steadfast and unmovable.

We are thankful to God for His mereies toward us. He has not only been our buekler throughout the year but has also east our enemies into the dungeon.

People who thought Zion would fall in this little eireuit have all been ashamed; and the talk of the day is, God moves in a mysterious way and his wonders to perform. We have worn them by uneeasing prayer, henee, their silenee.

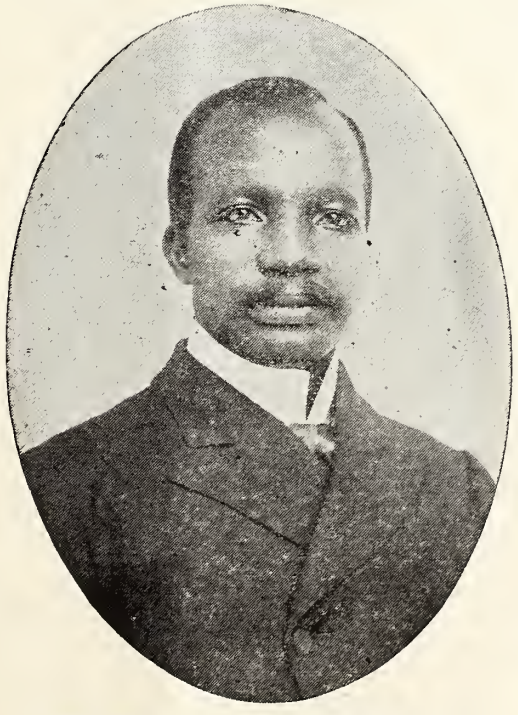
Our school is improving. Our number on roll is 102 and the elasses are up to 6.

During the examination 6 students failed.

Our Rev. P. D. Ofosu Henc has the love for Zion and he is steadfast. We pray God to help him.

AN ABLE DIVINE.

Rev. J. B. A. Yelverton, A. B., was lieensed to preaeh in 1898, in Washington, D. C., from Union Wesley A. M. E. Zion chureh, was educated at Livingstone College, was ordained deaeon in 1900, and elder in 1902. He was a sueeessful pastor in North Carolina five years, and one year in South Carolina. He was six years in Arkansas, four years of whieh he



THE REV. J. B. A. YELVERTON, D. D.
Pastor African M. E. Church, Syracuse, N. Y.

was presiding elder of the Helena distriet. While presiding elder he baptized all the babes on his distriet, and lieensed twenty-seven preaehers, and organized several missions. He was loved by all of his preaehers and he helped them whenever he could in revivals and eamp meetings. He is now pastoring in Binghamton, N Y., serving his fourth year, with great suecess. He is a splendid pastor and is considered one of the best preaehers in the chureh.

At the last general eonferenee he was a eandidate for the Ministerial Brotherhood, and says he yet has plans by whieh he believes that wornout preaehers, widows and orphans eould be better cared for, and that he hopes to have the privilege to put in aetion.

ECHOES OF THE JERSEY CONFERENCE.

(By Dr. A. H. Davenport.)

The last session of the New Jersey eonferenee, whieh was held in Coburn park in May, is said to have been the greatest in the history of that small but volatile and vigorous eonferenee. Thus early in the quorennium it was notable for the number of prominent and promising Zionists present besides other distinguished visitors. There were three eandidates for the bishoprie there, Drs. J. W. Wood, E. D. W. Jones, and P. A. Wallaee, while the irrepressible Dr. A. A. Crooke is a candidate for the general superintendency of our work in Africa.

Among the general offieers were Dr. Jos. W. Mason, finaneial agent of Livingstone College; Dr. C. S. Whitted, the practieal brotherhood man; Dr. C. C. Alleyne, who is making a brilliant record as editor of the Quarterly Review; Hon. J. C. Darey, the eloquent chureh extension seeretary; Prof. J. W. Eiehelberg, principal Walter Institute; Dr. F. M. Jaeobs, Gen. Sec'y., besides Dr. J. W. Brown, of New York; Dr. A. H. Hammer, of Philadelphia; Dr. S. L. Corrothers, who goes to Newark; Dr. W. S. Brown, Washington, D. C.; Dr. J. W. H. Orson, of Philadelphia, and a number of other lights in Zion. The Hon. George W. Murray, the last eongressman from South Carolina, was also there, and Gov. ————, of New Jersey, also put in an hour in the beautiful new chureh built by Dr. S. D. Conrad.

New Jersey is the eenter of eonsiderable missionary aetivity. It generally leads along this line and it must have been very interesting to Mrs. A. W. Blaekwell, who has long been regarded as one of the strong eonstruetive forees of the missionary soeiety to be at home among the leaders in missionary activities. Mrs. Florenee Randolph, the capable president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Soejety, lives in New Jersey.

Of course Mrs. Marie L. Clinton, the singing and speaking superintendent of the ————, was on hand as usual smiling back ———— and helpfulness to her distinguished husband, Bishop George W. Clinton, who presided over "the greatest session in the history of the eonference." Well if it was "the greatest session" Bishop Clinton made it so and doubtless he enjoyed the right, whieh was his, to preside over it within sound of the oeean's waves within sight of the white-fleshed foam and recusant breakers.

The Sunday eolleetion was $385.00. Who will beat it.

OUR WORK IN AFRICA.

(By Mrs. S. L. Blaekledge.)

To write of the work of the M. S. in Afriea is by no means a little task, for if we are to tell all that we have done and are doing and what we should do, it would require hours and days of thought and research.

But since our subject deals mostly with facts and figures, we shall not fence with words nor try to display no literary nor rhetorical ability.

Our interest in Africa dates back forty-three years. When Andrew Cartwright stood up in the conference in Elizabeth City in 1875 and said that he was going to Africa to labor for God and Zion his hearers were astonished. However this conference donated Mr. Cartwright eleven dollars to help him on his way, hence our first missionary money for Africa. For seventeen years he labored unceasingly. He built the first Zion church at Brewerville and organized missions at Clay, Ashland, Arthington and Johnsville.

I shall not dwell so long in the past nor shall I elaborate on the great works of our later missionaries such as O. L. W. Smith, Thomas B. Freeman, F. A. Pinako, J. H. Taylor, Wright and Pearce, as we all know or have read of their great work in Africa.

Bishop Small was the first head of this great work and under his guidance and leadership the work grew rapidly, but the Creator had a greater work for him to do, so his mantle fell upon our late and lamented Bishop Walters, under his enthusiastic leadership the Guinea coast, for over a thousand miles has been dotted with churches and school houses. The Liberian conference we have ten stations, three schools and a total membership of 2,000.

The Gold Coast conference, eight schools, thirty-five appointments, forty native preachers and teachers with a total membership of 3,500. East Gold Coast conference, six stations, three schools, four preachers and a membership of more than 1,800, making a grand total of fifty-one appointments, fourteen schools, forty-four native preachers and teachers and 7,300 members. With these figures I have tried to give you some idea of our numerical strength in Africa, knowing this it will perhaps arouse our interest and give us more energy to work and labor for those hungering souls who are craving the light of our Saviour. We have already educated several Africans. Some have gone back to teach their own people. We still have some boys now in our different educational institutions preparing them to go back and labor among their own people. Are we doing our share helping financially? We have just heard from the secretary of the missionary department. He says that the department is asking for $3,000 for the African Keta school. That is our largest school, also the largest mission, and we should do everything possible to help the cause of education in that heathen land.

On account of the war there is great suffering among our missionaries. It is said that in some parts of Africa shoes cost $16 per pair and meat is 75 and 80 cents a pound, and all kinds of clothing has thribbled in price in the last ten months.

If our missionaries take such risks and make such great sacrifices isolating themselves from home, loved ones, comfort and conveniences of civilization that our African brother may see the light of salvation, what does a few dollars mean in comparison? What a golden opportunity to lift our brother. To serve God, considering the missionaries we have sent out and the amount of money we have invested we have been richly rewarded.

The opportunity was never greater and money to keep this great work that we have so gloriously begun was never more needed.

I believe that we are going to do our part for this great work when once we awake to our duty. The sorest need is that the missionary spirit be aroused, that we get the right conception of our duty. Then, and not until then, shall we see the negro land of Africa redeemed and God and Zion glorified. Too much can not be said in commendation of the noble work this grand old missionary society has already done for our heathen brothers. Most that we claim in Africa today is due to the zeal of our missionary workers. I am looking forward to the day when Africa shall be redeemed from everything that blots and degrades it, superstition and ignorance.

But that day is far distant and our society has a great task. But by the help of God this society is determined that all Africa shall stretch forth her hand to God.

ELOQUENT ORATION—DR. W. J. WALLS IN CLASSIC LORE.

(By Mrs. M. E. Washington.)

Rev. Dr. W. J. Walls, of Broadway Temple A. M. E. Zion church, Louisville, Ky., delivered a commencement address that will not soon be forgotten by the good people of New Albany, Ind.

The occasion was the commencement of the class of 1918, Scribner High School. "Translating the Vision of the Hour," was his timely subject.

Dr. Walls delighted his audience with oratory and logic which was permeated with a happy strain of high-class humor which made his address facinating to faculty, student and patron alike.

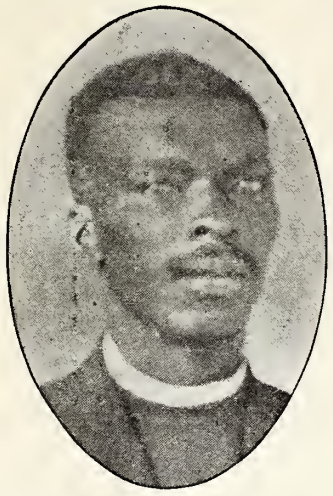
His scholarly address gripped his audience and held it spellbound, and ended in loud and prolonged applause. He said in part, "We live at the dawn of a new day and kindle our eyes at the rising of a new civilization. I appeal to the youth that they exercise their right and believe with all their souls in that new civilization and throw their whole selves into the struggle for its oncoming. We are to translate our vision in laying hold of an exalted purpose. Our main point in the commencement of life is to know where we are going. The world makes room for the youth who knows where he is bound and goes to it."

He exhorted the class to get a vision of first, what higher education meant in developing leadership for the race; second, what the companionship of good books, good pictures and the personality of good teachers meant in forming a good strong character, and third, to get a vision of what industrial education meant to our race, nine-tenths of whom live in the agricultural south.

He paid a high tribute to the "Stars and Stripes" and also to beloved America, saying in part: "America is our home. We crave and contend for the right to live and thrive in this clime of the free. America has her faults but she is ours. She is the best country on earth to us, the richest and the freest, and her church shall yet lead the world against Germany's consciousless diplomacy and 'cultur.'"

He gave great honor to the negro as a soldier, saying: "When 'Old Glory' waves over the ramparts of the Rhine and freedom's millions stand flashed at Berlin's gates the heirs of Crispus Attucks, first martyr of American liberty, will be there."

New Albany, Ind.



THE REV. CASSIE S. GRAHAM

A wide-awake and hustling pastor. A strong gospel preacher and a devoted worker for foreign missions. He is now pastoring one of our leading circuits in East Tennessee and Virginia Conference. Rev. Graham is working to get 50 new subscribers for The Missionary Seer.

ZION IN CINCINNATI, OHIO—LARGE MEMBERSHIP—FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

(By Rev. Jos. P. Foote, A. B.)

Dr. J. W. Wood, Editor Missionary Seer, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Mr. Wood—I am sure you will be glad to publish for us in the Seer a brief statement of the work of St. John church in Cincinnati, Ohio. The church is in a most prosperous condition, indeed. It is said by some of the charter members of the church that its condition has never been more favorable and prosperous than at the present time. New additions, more or less, are made to the church membership each Sabbath. More than three hundred have been added in the twenty-four months of my pastorate here. On the fifth Sunday, June 30, we had a rally for our new church fund and raised upward of $1,500 and on the following Tuesday placed in the bank to the credit of the St. John church, $1,031.47. Our rally has netted $1,200.

We have done more for missions this year by far than last year. Our women seem to have caught a new vision of mission work. I feel that you have a right to expect great things from that department in this church. Although it is quite likely that you will have changed stations ere long, we are sure that when you shall have been thus exacted, your love for this work will be none the less.

The July issue of the Seer is among the most newsy of them all. We are deeply interested in you and the Seer.

FLASHES FROM THE THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

(By Bishop J. W. Alstork, D. D.)

Editor of The Missionary Seer:

As the bishop and the superintendent of the Third Episcopal district, I am pleased to report the entire work of the district in splendid condition.

The pastors are having unusual success in saving souls. Many revivals are being held and many souls are being added to the church, for which we praise God. Many debts of old standing have been paid. Churches and parsonages are being remodeled and repaired. I am also pleased to inform you and the general church that our pastors are rallying the forces of the Sunday school and Christian Endeavor societies for Christian education among the youths of our Zion as never before. The outlook for the growth and advancement of Home and Foreign Missions was never better. There is a hopeful sign of great financial results in the interest of this department of the church.

New Societies are being organized and the financial results along all lines have been very successful. The debt paying rally of the Third Episcopal district will be a complete success.

All of my pastors did well on Children's day for education, also on Easter day for church extension and home mission. We are now preparing for our educational congress, which is to be held at Greenville, Ala., July 23-25.

Put your ear to the ground and listen, for a great meeting and a big financial success in the interest of Lomax Hannon Industrial College, located at Greenville, Ala. I am informed that the pastors are doing well on raising general claims. Financially and otherwise, the men are doing well. There are a few complaints from the subscribers of our church papers. Some fail to get their papers. There is a general complaint about our Sunday school literature, and I tell you, we are going to have some trouble if we do not remedy these matters. It is well that we think well and act wisely in order to save the patronage of our people to the publication house.

I think that we are going to be able to improve on our general claims this year. It is our highest ambition to excell in the matter of financial progress. Many of our young men have gone to war, and many more are to go. Everybody is busy on the farm and garden, so as to have enough for everybody to eat, and for those who fight. I hope that the war will soon close in our favor. That must be. We are fighting for a safe and wide-world democracy. Not a one-sided democracy but a democracy of genuine freedom of equal rights and good will to all men regardless of race or color.

Let us pray that the war will end with equal justice and liberties to all men and nations of the earth. For this cause we will fight and must fight to win if it takes every man in this country from 18 to 60, yes even 70.

Let the colored man fight to save the world for humanity. I like this term better than the term democracy. No one feels the disgrace of defeat in the grave. Defeat is not in our dictionary, when it comes to the war, that is now on. If it gets too warm for the Sammies, say to them, "Open the ranks and let the black boys of ebony hue step in," and something of real importance will happen.

The Afro-American soldier is among the bravest fighters in the world and I have it recorded on my little note-book, that FAST BLACK WILL NEVER RUN. Up to the flag and to the colors is the song of the Negro soldier.

I am yours for all that is good for life and success of our country.

Montgomery, Ala.

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH AND THE WAR.

(By Bishop L. W. Kyles, D. D.)

The great African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, born of the spirit of justice and fair play, has always been true to the "Stars and Stripes" and the ideals for which they stand. Her patriotism began with the impulses that stirred the souls of the founders who lifted their hands in defense of religious freedom for negroes in the United States and gave to the world the first African Methodist Episcopal denomination. She is not less true today, for her patriotism has deepened with the passing of the years.

Our nation is engaged in a great war, a just and righteous war, for a cause as noble as ever nerved men's souls to deeds of sacrifice and valor. Our church most heartily endorses the president's action in declaring war against German autocracy. We believe that the entrance of our government into this war was indispensable for the vindication of our honor and for the preservation of our destiny, no less than for the defense of the principles of justice and peace for the nations of the earth, for whatever weight we may attach to the humanitarian principles and sentiments of this struggle, whatever emotions of sympathy, friendship and anger have been aroused by the events in Europe as they relate to other peoples, we are in this war for our own protection, for the maintenance of our own rights, for the vindication of our honor, and for the perpetuation of our own institutions. We therefore hold that to co-operate in every possible way toward the successful conclusion of the war, is the supreme duty of every American citizen, regardless of color or political views. Thousands of our most brilliant sons have been placed on the altar in this war that German autocracy may be dethroned and that the world may be made safe for democracy.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is distinctively a negro church. Since its activities are confined by circumstances to the negro race and its opportunities lie in the necessity for the development of the character of the race, it follows that she should be concerned about every phase of negro life and its relationships. In these days of national peril, when the foundational principles of our government have been assailed, the negro's attitude toward the "Stars and Stripes," and his patriotism generally are matters of interest. As citizens the negroes are patriotic and true. As soldiers they are intrepid and heroic. They have answered the country's call in every crisis. Their blood has crimsoned hill and vale in every war fought by the United States since the American Revolution. Their daring charges in crucial moments upon a thousand battle fields have furnished themes and inspiration for songs and stories. In the present crisis, the negro will not be less patriotic than he has been in the past. It is very pleasing to note the cheerfulness with which he marches to the training camps and the hopefulness with which they look forward to active service in France. Already thousands of them are on the firing lines with the allied armies in Europe, and many more of them are in training in the American camps, waiting for the call to arms.

The negro is going forward in this war with a higher average of intelligence and a greater degree of cheerfulness than has ever been the case before. The word democracy has a new meaning for him. The beautiful phrases with which democracy has been clothed by artists on sign boards and orators on platforms in the various "Liberty Loan" drives, have aroused his slumbering soul, created new ambitions in his bosom and inspired dreams of a better day.

St. Louis, Mo.

MRS. PETERS MUST NOT SAIL THROUGH THE WAR ZONE.

(By Rev. H. E. Peters, Missionary to West Africa.)

My Dear Mr. Wood—I am hoping that this letter will find you and yours in perfect health. As for myself I am not so well and the worst of it is there is no doctor here. I am doing all I can to keep up. I am using patent medicine which is very high. It seems that I am improving all right. I received yours of December 31st at the same time I received a letter from Bishop Clement. I was glad to get your remittance of £40—6—4. If you do not receive receipt for money sent at the time you think please don't blame me. "It's the condition of the war." The money you sent me last June was received December 18th and the next $75.00 came in January. I told you this before. I had to forward your and Bishop Clement's letters to the authorities at Accra before I could act upon them.

There was a resolution passed by some here to the effect that the Zion church of America had no interest in the church property here. Of course this claim is ridiculous. When your letter came they voted to oppose it anyway and not accept your decision. I am pleased to tell you that all goes well and I am able to take care of the situation. Kwawn is a hard working fellow. Let us hope that he will do good service for the church.

Regarding Mrs. Peters. Whatever money she receives from you in my name is received by me, even to the whole amount of any money due me.

I should have advances for missions because money is hard to get here. I want to pay off the debts incurred by me before I leave here for anywhere.

Your friend, Bro. Pinank, has killed our means of raising money.

I think if you put up a good case to the Washington authorities they will grant a permit allowing Mrs. Peters to travel on the boat direct from New York to West Africa. In pre-war days they never allowed it, because the boat carried inflammables, but in these days all the Atlantic lines carry explosives, and it is now more dangerous traveling by them than on the boat direct here.

Mrs. Peters must not sail through the war zone. It is cheaper and safer on the West African cargo boat. First-class accommodation from Sierra Leone to Keta. $125.00 for one. From England it will be double that. I shall be able to restore order soon.

Yours in Christ,

Keta W. Gold Coast, Africa.

FIFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

(By Bishop G. L. Blackwell.)

Editor of The Seer:

Dear Brother—Perhaps your readers would not mind seeing an account of what the brave and heroic men and splendid coterie of women are doing in the Michigan and Western New York conferences. Notwithstanding the call our government has made on us to sustain the honor of the colors—and we have loyally answered—these leaders and workers have not ceased their diligence toward the church of Jesus Christ.

During the year I have not enjoyed the best of health. In fact I have overworked and used up too much of my energy, so says my physician. I therefore could only travel through the Michigan conference. Rev. J. W. Wood, D. D., the secretary of Foreign Missions, and Rev. C. S. Whitted, D. D., the secretary of the relief department, did the work for me in the Western New York conference. Nevertheless our system of doing things in these two conferences is so perfect each pastor to a man came up with his quota. Aside from collecting and paying all the benevolences required of them, they never paid good salaries, the presiding elders were paid, the special school money and every cent of the debt paying rally money. The good women of the Michigan conference rolled up $351.50 for the W. H. and F. M. Society and the Daughters of Conference outdid themselves by reporting $289, which money goes to help extend the work. Mrs. Sarah Harris alone brought up $85 as daughter of conference.

During the year Bro. J. M. Howard built a nice brick church at Indiana Harbor and raised over $3,000, having had his first effort on Sunday of the council in Chicago last August. He has now a membership of 200. Rev. W. L. Barr organized in Toledo, July of 1917, and has a membership of 125, and is buying a nice property.

Rev. J. A. Terry, who has just been changed from Detroit to Grand Rapids, before he left made it possible for us either to build a new brick church, or to buy a fine church.

Rev. W. A. Blackwell now has the debt of the Chicago church down to $2,200, which he hopes to wipe out this year. We must soon enlarge our building in Chicago, for the pastor has taken in over 1,000 members during his two years' pastorate. At the recent session we organized for a successful drive into Gary, Ind. Rev. T. S. Allen built a new church at Homtrawsk last year and it is likely to have 200 members before the year passes away.

At Buffalo, Rev. H. Durham has over $5,000 toward purchasing or building a new church. At Lackawanna Rev. N. H. Bexley has purchased a lot and has $500 toward building a new church. At Watertown Rev. J. A. James has paid off the entire debt. At Ithaca Rev. H. J. Johnson found the church two years ago over $5,000 in debt and has reduced it to $1,500. Rev. E. S. Bailey, who built the church at Syracuse, has reduced the debt to $6,500, and now goes to Binghamton to build a parsonage. In fact all the others have done excellent work and are too numerous to mention in this brief article. The Western New York conference raised on an average $27 for every member. See summary of benevolences below.

Summary of Benevolences for Spring Conferences.

Star of Zion.

Michigan	$ 26.00
Western New York	26.00

Quarterly Review.

Michigan	22.00
Western New York	27.00

Missionary Seer.

Michigan	13.00
Western New York	12.50

Personal Debt Paying Rally.

Michigan	24.00
Western New York	20.00

Ministerial Brotherhood.

Michigan	25.00
Western New York	49.50

Children's Day.

Michigan	79.00
Western New York	133.00

Church Extension.

Michigan	48.00
Western New York	84.00

Foreign Missions.

Michigan	48.00
Western New York	102.00

Sunday School Union.

Michigan	24.00
Western New York	19.00

Foreign Mission Schools.

Michigan	14.00
Western New York	19.00

Varick C. E. Union.

Michigan	24.00
Western New York	27.00

Publication House.

Michigan	14.00
Western New York	21.00

Tubman Home.

Western New York	100.00

W. H. and F. M. Society.

Michigan	351.50
Western New York	124.00

Daughters of Conference.

Michigan	289.00
Western New York	107.00

Support of Conference.

Michigan	410.38
Western New York	590.80

Dinwiddie School.

Michigan	213.00
Western New York	243.00

Scholarship at Livingstone.

Western New York	79.00

Debt Paying Rally.

Michigan	166.00
Western New York	223.00

General Claims.

Michigan	600.00
Western New York	1,200.00
Grand Total	$5,077.68

Grand Total for Everything.

Michigan	$28,000.00
Western New York	31,000.00

PROGRAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, A. M. E. ZION CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, N. C., AUGUST, 11, 12, 13, 1918.

Saturday, 3:00 p. m.—Executive meeting.

Sunday, 10:30 a. m.—Love Feast.

11:00 a. m.—Annual Sermon, Rev. C. C. Alleyne, D. D.

1:00 p. m.—Sabbath School, Mrs. G. W. Clinton

3:00 p. m.—Y. M. I., Address, Rev. Florence Randolph.

3:00 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. J. W. Wood, D. D.

Monday, 10:00 a. m.—Consecration meeting; Roll Call; Appointment of Committees.

11:00 a. m.—Welcomes: City, Churches, W. H. and F. M. Society, Y. W. M. Society, Buds of Promise; Response.
Presentation of General Officers.
Music.
Report, 1st, 2d, 3rd and 4th Episcopal Districts.
Music.
Question Box, Mrs. G. W. Clinton.
Offering.

3:00 p. m.—Bible Reading; Acceptable Service, Rev. F. Randolph.
Symposium: The Missionary Society, Its Place of Usefulness in this World Crisis.
Program: Buds of Promise, Conducted by Mrs. G. W. Clinton, Mrs. Hattie B. Henderson.
Question Box, Mrs. A. W. Blackwell.
Report, Committee on Courtesies.
Offering.

8:00 p. m.—AFRICA, a Pageant. Presented by Mrs. H. Peters, with local talent and members of the Executive Committee.
Offering.
Benediction.

Tuesday, 10:00 a. m.—Quiet Hour, Matt. 9:27-32.
Report, 5th, 6th, 7th Episcopal Districts.
30 Minutes' Discussion: Will This War Help or Hinder in the Evangelization of Africa.
Question Box, Mrs. G. C Clement.
What My District Has Accomplished This Year: Subject for discussion by the District Workers.
Report of Committees on Courtesies.
Offering.

3:00 p. m.—Devotionals.
Report, 8th, 9th, 10th Episcopal Districts
Program, Young Women's Branch, Miss V. Richardson, Mrs. C. B. Cowan.
Offering.
Report Committees on Courtesies.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon, Bishop G. C. Clement, D. D.
Debate. Subject: Is the Work of Foreign Missions Optional or Imperative?
Awarding Medals (Quittah Building Fund).
Awarding Episcopal Banner.
Adjournment.

MISSIONS.

"We should cherish not only the principle and the spirit of missions, but also secure thorough organization and co-operation. No congregation is so small that it needs or can afford to pass missions by. The weakness assigned as a cause is often a consequence of such neglect. It keeps a church weak to do nothing for those who are without; unselfish effort quickens its pulse and strengthens its sinews. Self-extension reacts to promote self-support; and if churches now having only a name to live would nourish and cherish the spirit of missions there would be a growth both in numbers and in graces."—The Outlook.

TRAINING EVANGELISTS FOR THE CONGO.

"New comes from our African mission," says a writer in The Missionary Intelligencer of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, "that all the stations are delighted with the Bolenge school for evangelists, which has recently been started. This is the beginning of a strong school for the training of all our younger native evangelists in the work. It is believed by the mission that courses laid out in this school will be of great help to the young preachers coming on. The Congo people did not have any school until our missionaries went to them. They did not even have a written language, and our workers have had to start the educational service from the ground."

Promise for Ethiopia Fulfilled.

After describing a very effective and picturesque sermon by a Congo preacher, Dan Crawford says:

"Well done, Ethiopia! Surely this is a true stretching out of your hands unto God. It is curious that all through Africa this idiom for 'stretching out the hands' exactly agrees with all the usages in Hebrew, and disagrees with the stupid old error in English of thinking that this means Ethiopia coming to beg a boon from God. No, the very same Psalm that says that Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands to God, explains this as not begging but bestowing in the words. 'Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto Thee. . . . Ethiopia hall, etc.'

"It is of the land of the slaves that it is written. 'Princes shall come out of . . . Ethiopia,' and we are trying to build up a church of no-begging but ever-bestowing Africans who will freely give because they freely received. Perhaps we did wrong, but these natives have lived with me for a quarter of a century with their own eyes they saw us turn away costly gifts of ivory and rubber worth thousands of pounds; saw us refuse to develop great economic resources, lest by so doing our own souls and the souls of these young Lubans would suffer thereby."

Church Union in South Africa.

The Christian Express, published in Lovedale, South Africa, comments editorially as follows on church conditions in that part of the world:

"Historically the Independents and Presbyterians have been very closely associated. The Scotch Covenanters for the Presbyterians, Cromwell and his Ironsides and the Pilgrim Fathers for the Independents, these are a historical and spiritual ancestry of which no man and no church need be ashamed. The coming together of their descendants is a natural thing. We are glad to see that the South African Presbyterian Assembly welcomed the proposal and has appointed a committee 'to consult and report.' It is an unhappy fact that a further union with the great Dutch Presbyterian Church of this country has not yet even been suggested."

German East Africa.

Canon Rogers has been trying to resuscitate the work of the Church Missionary Society in the territory formerly German East Africa, which has now been entirely occupied by the British. He paid a visit in May to Buigiri and Mvumi. He heard reports from most of the agents and they were generally very encouraging. With scarcely an exception these agents had been making efforts to carry on the work, although they were not in receipt of any salary. They kept on in spite of lack of supervision and, in some cases, in the face of the opposition of the headmen. Everywhere Canon Rogers heard of keenness to learn to read, and of men and women being under instruction with a view to baptism.

In May last the Rev. R. H. Leakey spent three weeks in Bukoba in German East Africa to the west of the Victoria Nyanza, and he has since proceeded thither with Mrs. Leakey to take over the work of the Lutheran Mission in that region. He speaks of the mission as having apparently existed more for the purpose of trading than anything else. There is a "good house for the European in charge, an excellent store, and a fine carpenter's shop, but there is no church, and a wretched class-room does duty as a school." All the teachers had been baptized and trained in Uganda, and in May there was a baptismal roll with forty-four names, four of which were of European children. When the German missionaries left there were nine out-stations, and since then the Baganda teacher left in charge has opened ten others. On Trinity Sunday Mr. Lackey baptized thirty-eight men and six women, who were catechumens at the outbreak of war.

African Christians at Work.

A Presbyterian missionary in West Africa writes: "The rather new departure at Efulen of the people going out without pay and gathering in the harvest of souls, which is so ripe, is yielding a splendid fruitage. At Efulen alone there have been 229 converts in six weeks. . . . There is a spirit of work and zeal that has never been there before except in the early days when the Christians were doing the work themselves and not paying evangelists. On a recent Sunday the Alum congregation pledged 3,465 days of work for the Lord. Efulen's pledge is 5,995 days. That means souls."

North America.—A New Idea in Community Service.

In many small towns in the United States, there is an awakening to the importance of saving the boys and girls by providing positive helpfulness in place of merely negative commands. One town—Marysville—a little village of 3,000 out in Kansas, is like most other country places, with no great temptations but also without much entertainment for the young folks. They make their own entertainment, and it is not always of the best. The men and women who wanted to remedy this condition organized a Community House Association. They secured a building and equipped it as a neighborhood club, with a reception room, with chairs, davenports and tables loaded with magazines. A matron is in charge. At one side are officers of the county Y. M. C. A. and a room for boys, with games, books and papers.

On the other side is a club room where the girls' and women's clubs may meet. It has a library, with 2,000 volumes. In the large room the town's meetings are held; muical entertainments are given weekly; Bible classes meet there; committees are free to use it.

A growing spirit of helpfulness is permeating the smaller cities and is getting into the lives of people.

Churches are being rebuilt; school houses are used evenings as well as by day; the women's clubs are discussing social hygiene, better babies, playgrounds, medical inspection of schools and similar topics instead of reading erudite papers on Shakespeare and Browning.

MISSIONARY MOTTOES AND CHARTS.

Among other things of a former generation, which this generation has relegated to the attic, are the mottoes, marvelously wrought by the deft fingers of our grandmothers out of many colored zephyrs. Yet the value of mottoes abideth, and wise is the missionary worker who makes it count as much as possible for missions. Business men have secured many hours of coveted privacy by simply hanging in plain view of the friendly loafer, "If you will kill time, kill your own, not ours." The Government spent three million dollars in advertising the recent Liberty Loans, a large part of which was put in posters with striking mottoes.

A splendid missionary program may be arranged by adapting these mottoes:

Take the one, "Our Dad's at the Front Fighting Your Battles: Back Him Up." Cut out pictures of the children of your missionaries, and paste them on this poster.

"America Wake Up," may be used in connection with striking facts about home or foreign missions, together with pictures making the application.

"If You Cannot Enlist, Invest," will make an attractive and appropriate motto with which to present a missionary enterprise, or several facts about what amounts invested in missions will accomplish.

Less dignified, but equally striking, is: "If You Cannot Go Across, Come Across."

The words that we see constantly before us have a wonderful influence on our lives. Delegates at a student conference last summer heard Robert E. Speer tell of a text which had made a profound impression on his life. It was not a text on which he had heard some great minister deliver an eloquent discourse, but the text which he had seen every Sunday on the walls of the church in which he worshipped as a boy.

A platform that may exert wide influence is furnished by the wall space of the auditoriums in which meetings are held. One woman who exerted an influence, which can never be estimated, on a great convention, was not on the platform at all. She spoke not a word that was heard by the audience, yet she spoke, in a way never to be forgotten, from the charts and mottoes which she had placed on the wall. Every bare wall is a missionary opportunity. Societies would do well to appoint one member who should have charge of the wall-space for their meetings.

BLACK AMERICANS IN FRANCE.

The Germans have given a name to our Colored troops in France which has an odd sound because we have never classified our negro population in that way. But it is a good sound and one that should be heard oftener than it is, for if we proudly say white Americans, then why not black Americans, with equal pride for them?

For certainly the term American belongs to no group of the many races and peoples that go to make up the population of this country with greater right than to the negroes. They and their ancestors have been dwellers in this land longer than the great maojrity of those white people who now inhabit it. They know no other country, dream of no other allegiance. They did not come as white men did, to enjoy greater liberty; they did not come willingly, but through force, and first and last they have been sorely oppressed and have suffered many wrongs. But neither before they gained freedom nor since have they borne the resentment and even hatred toward their oppressers that some races would have felt, but have adjusted themselves to conditions with wonderful patience and have striven according to their light to make good citizens and to follow where their white fellow citizens led.

Under many disadvantages their progress has been remarkable. Thousands of them are now helping to fight our battles in France and even Germans admit that they are fighting well. They are helping to make their people better understood and appreciated and even now the white man who speaks slightingly of one of these black fighting men as a "nigger" is likely to find himself labeled as a cad. They feel, these black Americans, that this is their country and they are ready to fight for it. What can an American do more?

If we must distinguish ourselves by our complexions and insist on white Americans, then black Americans by all means also as a title of honor. We have red Americans in France, too. A writer in the Atlantic Monthly tells an interesting tale of the skillful work of Indian scouts. The war should give all classes of Americans a better understanding of each other.—Indianapolis Star.

THE NEGRO AND HIS WRONGS.

Apparent official indifferences to the real interests of the negroes has not prevented a call by the War Department for a conference of colored editors, "together with a number of the leaders of thought and opinion among the negro people to consider methods by which the millions of colored people of the nation may best assist in the winning of the war." Thirty one editors answered the call, not a large response in view of the long list of negro papers in the country. Nor were the other leaders of negro thought extensively represented and consisted chiefly of those holding office in Washington.

As a matter of course, these negroes affirmed their loyalty to the government and their readiness to make every sacrifice to win the war. Such an expression was really superfluous, for no one has seriously questioned the loyalty of the colored people. They are Americans and know and care for no other country. But though the conference was addressed by Secretary Baker and George Creel as the leading speakers, the thirty-one representatives of the colored press did not show that enthusiasm for the privilege of fighting for the country that was perhaps expected of them, and manifested no gratitude whatever for being called into conference with Baker and Creel.

After passing a resolution emphatically affirming

a belief that the defeat of the German government is of paramount importance to the welfare of the world in general and to the negro in particular, they expressed the conviction that justifiable grievances are producing, not disloyalty, but an amount of unrest and bitterness which even the best efforts of the leaders may not always be able to guide unless they can have the active and sympathetic co-operation of national and state governments. "German propaganda among us is powerless," the resolution continues, "but the apparent indifference of our government may be dangerous." It is further declared that while the negro is more than willing to do his full share in the winning of the war, "he is today compelled to ask for that minimum of consideration which will enable him to be an efficient fighter for victory."

An account of this conference, together with the names of the editors and others in attendance is sent out to the press of the country by Mr. Creel's news bureau, but if Mr. Creel had read the resolutions carefully he might have felt that as Democratic propaganda the circulation of the proceedings would be a waste of government money. The exploitation of certain government officials, notably Secretaries Baker and Daniels and Mr. Creel, himself, through immense editions of these laudatory press agent productions, is reaching proportions little short of scandalous, and supine acquiescence in it by members of Congress, under the urge of patriotism, is becoming of increasingly doubtful propriety.—Indianapolis Star.

SENATOR TILLMAN, A TYPE.

Senator Benjamin Ryan Tillman, of South Carolina, whose death is reported from Washington, was a striking figure in American politics, but never reached the heights of real statesmanship. He was narrow in his prejudices and unpolished in his methods. He was deemed honest in his views, but his views very often were not of the loftiest. Altogether he was no great ornament to the upper house of Congress and contributed little to constructive legislation during many years of service.

Senator Tillman, or any man of his type, might be expected to succeed nowhere except in the Solid South. He was a product of what amounts practically to one-party rule. Even South Carolina Democracy would not have clung to him if it had been forced to fight for success with a strong rival party organization. He and his friends had control of the party machinery, which meant the state, and which has meant elsewhere in the South the election of senators like Jeff Davis, Vardaman and some others who, like Tillman, have been more spectacular than respected.

The one ever-present obsession of Senator Tillman was his intense hatred of the colored people. His attitude on that subject was typical of the man. He was vehement in his likes and dislikes and was controlled by prejudice rather than reason in much of what he did or advocated. He was an intense partisan, as might be expected from a man of his type, but with all his faults and shortcomings he was infinitely superior to former Governor Cole L. Blease, who is reported as already planning to get the vacant seat in the Senate. —Indianapolis Star.

THE UNTOUCHED CROSS.

Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner.

In that thrilling book "The Cross at the Front," by Rev. Thomas Tiplady, we find a chapter with the above title, in which the author tells of an "Untouched Cross" which he found in a ruined church in a shattered village just behind the trenches in Flanders. He tells how, while visiting soldiers in the desolate villages, he caught sight of the ruined church, and managed to find a safe entrance. He writes: "A ghastlier sight never met the eyes of Jeremiah. The roof had fallen through, and the white clouds looked down upon the debris. The floor could not be seen for fallen stones. The figures of saints had been blown to fragments. I picked up the crown of one, and laid it down again. There was a golden star on the brow, but the gold was dim. I picked up fragments of shell, and walking round the walls, I picked shrapnel bullets out of the plaster. Nothing had escaped. The walls were pitted with shrapnel like a man with smallpox. I had walked round three parts of the church, and was looking at the rubbish on the floor, when suddenly something caught my attention, and I looked up. The sight startled me, for somehow it had escaped me as I had glanced around the church on entering from the other side. There before me stood a large wooden cross fastened against the wall, and bearing, nailed upon it, a life-sized figure of the Saviour. It stood intact—the one thing in the church undamaged and untouched. The altar had gone, the saints had gone, the roof and the windows had gone, the chairs had gone—all had gone save Jesus only. The worshippers had fled, but he remained. The church was in ruins about him, but he was untouched. It was an awesome sight amid that scene of desolation. Amid the fiery blast of bullets he had remained with arms outstretched, interceding with God for a ruined world. And no bullet had touched him.

In the midst of our fallen civilization the Cross stands untouched. Christ has stood in the midst of the fiery blast with outstretched arms calling the stricken peoples to the shelter of his love. His arms are outstretched still, and there is room for the world between them. Broken business men, bereaved parents, lonely maidens, fatherless children, there are shelter and solace for all beneath the shadow of the abiding cross. It towers above the wrecks of time. If that had gone, all had gone. We could not have replaced the cross."

While reading that heart-stirring chapter I was reminded of the "Untouched Cross" at Macao, South China. The early Portuguese colonists built at Macao, on the crest of a hill on the South China coast, a massive cathedral, with a splendid approach of stone steps. But a violent typhoon wrecked the building, only the front wall remaining intact. On the summit of this stands a great bronze cross, defying storm and weather. That cross, which still stands today, has attracted thousands of curious sightseers from all parts of the world. When Sir John Bowring, the British governor of Hong Kong, visited Macao, he was so impressed by the sight of that uplifted cross that he wrote the matchless hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time." Since that day Sir J. Bowring has gone to taste those

"joys that through all time abide," but his hymn remains; the builders of the cathedral are long since forgotten, but the cross they reeared there to the memory of the Crucified One remains. And time has seen mightier wrecks than a cathedral. The monarchy that built it has gone, the priesthood that burned incense within it has been driven from the colony forever; and the iron dynasty that ruled those Chinese hills beyond has crumbled as did the church of stone —but the cross still stands.

To me these two crosses are symbolic of the "Untouched Cross" of Jesus Christ, the one in Macao towering o'er the wrecks of time, and the other, in Flanders, standing erect in the midst of the downfall of civilization and the failure of human systems of philosophy.

The Supremacy of the Cross.

The Cross of Jesus still stands supreme above all else; untouched by all the change, decay, and failure round about it; unharmed by the many storms that beat upon it. Think of the many "wrecks of time." The mighty empires and great kingdoms of the old world—where are they? Gone! but the cross still stands. And today as we see empires and kingdoms crumbling, dynasties falling, and thrones tottering, we can sing in triumph, (substituting two words):

"Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Cross of Jesus steadfast will remain."

Men have spoken glibly of the "Failure of Christianity," since August, 1914, and have written much concerning it. But has Christianity failed? Oh, when will men learn to see clearly and to speak truly? Let them talk, if they will, of the bankruptcy of civilization, but not of the failure of Christianity. Our vaunted civilization has fallen in ruins about us, and our most cherished sophisms lie in the dust at our feet, but the Cross of Christ stands firmer than ever.

Men have despised the Cross and counted its preaching foolishness. They have endeavored to minimize its saving power—and with what result? The effort to eliminate the Cross of Christ from the world's religious life and thought finds its logical sequence in the horrors of this awful war. It began in the German universities and it reaches its climax in the German bestiality and deviltry of today. Yet the Cross still stands, and, strange though it may be, it is through the war and its terrors, that men are having to learn anew the Divine philosophy of the Cross. We had begun to imagine that "redemption by blood" was far too antiquated a theory for men of modern education. It was better far to teach that we are "saved by His (Christ's) life," rather than by his death. Now we awaken to the discovery that "redemption by blood" is not only feasible but modern, the only "power unto salvation" that modern wisdom is able to find. Poor devastated desolated Belgium must be "redeemed by blood," and her soil is being saturated with the blood of our noblest and best, who are dying that Belgium may live and be redeemed from the power of the enemy. And Serbia, Poland and Armenia must also be "redeemed by blood." Surely it is an easy step now to the knowledge that the Cross is God's power of salvation for a sin-weary world, that it alone can satisfy human need. Let the church lift up her head and proclaim anew the doctrine of the Cross. Man-made philosophies and theologies have failed, let us give God's own plan a fair chance now.

The Philosophy of the Cross.

Can we know and understand it? The Divine philosophy which is able to take hold of the Cross, the emblem of shame, of failure, and of dishonorable defeat, and transform it into the emblem of hope, salvation and glory? Yes, we may! But to do so we must learn to discover the mind of God. It stands revealed in his Word. Four steps will reveal it to us—

1. Rom. 3:23. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."
2. Heb. 9:22. "Without shedding of blood is no remission"—of sin.
3. Heb. 9:12. "By his own blood he . . . obtained eternal redemption for us."
4. 1 John 1:7. "The blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from all sin."

These are the four steps which, when taken, help us to a better understanding of the mind of God when he revealed the Cross as "the power of God unto Salvation." We can also gain an experimental knowledge of the Cross and its power, for "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. Thus we may test it for ourselves. Thank God the Cross is untouched, it stands today available for all, able to meet humanity's deepest need, your need, and my need. As Dr. Horatius Bonar sang—

"The Cross it standeth fast, Hallelujah!
Defying every blast, Hallelujah!
The winds of hell have blown,
The world its hate hath shown,
Yet it is not overthrown,
Hallelujah for the Cross."

Mr. Chang Po Ling, the head of a large government school in Tientsin, China, and one of the most influential Chinese Christians, is now studying at Teachers' College, New York.

Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter reports that the methods given in the November Department of Best Methods have been tested in the societies of the United Presbyterian church and in twenty-nine years have brought in $1,100,000. Since 1902, $14,000 have been received from women in Egypt and India.

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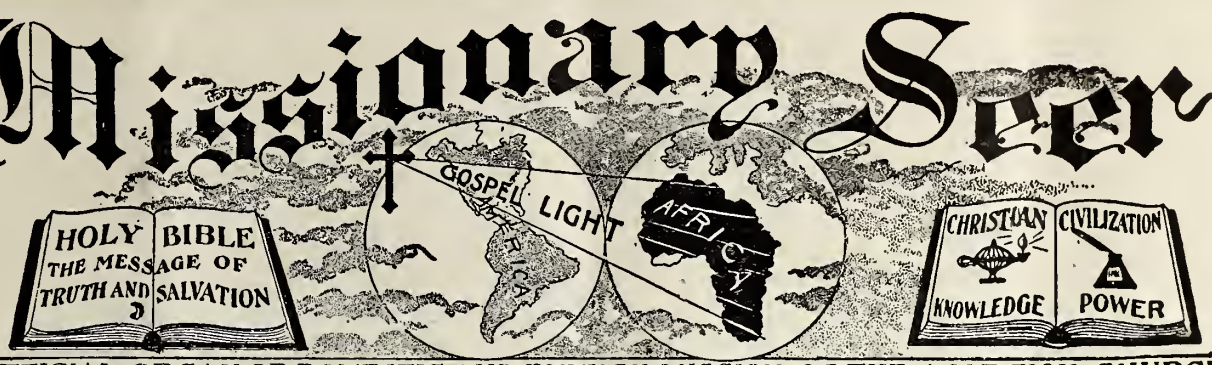

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We have heard the joyful sound:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Tell the message all around:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land,
Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! — 'tis our Lord's command:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Say to sinners far and wide:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing, ye islands of the sea,
Echo back, ye ocean caves;
Earth shall keep her jubilee:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

IN DEEP MEDITATION.
Will you help this African child? The representative of a child race. Help him and God will help you.

Sing above the toil and strife—
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing it softly thru the gloom
When the heart for mercy craves,
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb—
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free
To ev'ry strand that ocean laves;
This our song of victory,
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Missionary Day Program for Sunday, September 22

Arranged and Published by the Board of Foreign Missions of the "African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church." Rev. John W. Wood, D. D., Cor. Sec'y., 1231 Cornell Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. All Copies Free.

Missionary Day Program, Sunday, Sept. 22, 1918

ADDRESS BY PASTOR OR HIS APPOINTEE.

Friends: Another Missionary Anniversary is upon us, and the call to the rescue of the lost and unsaved is as important today as when Jesus said: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Permit us to say that the one thing necessary is for the church at the present time to enter into the heritage of our common salvation and strike an effective blow for the betterment of the world, and especially the African race, of which we are a part.

There are three great laws of God, absolutely certain in their working: The law of sowing and reaping, the law of intercession, and the law of sacrifice. It has been the unvarying rule of the kingdom that where there has been proper sowing, in due time an abundant harvest may be reaped. Seed sowing has been going on for generations in Foreign Fields. We have had enormous results because the seed sown has been good seed with most highly multiplying vitality. The sower has been wise, assiduous, and faithful. The process of watering and nurturing have been generally speaking, EFFICIENT. The Lord of the harvest has never been found wanting in bringing forth an increase. What the A. M. E. Zion Church needs today is capable reapers abounding in faith and sufficient in number. Granted such we shall witness large harvests, even in the most difficult fields of Africa and the Mohammedan and Hindu world.

But have you thought seriously of the law of intercession? On the authority of Christ, which is fully supported in the experience of His followers, intercession has limitless achieving power. There is possibly no section of the church which has devoted itself more fully to real prayer than the leaders of Foreign Missions, but of what use is this great volume of intercession and prayers unless the church of God goes forth in force to enter its rightful possessions to make the world better for the habitation of mankind?

And again, the law of sacrifice, like the preceding laws that I have just referred to, brings into operation a force adequate to the achievement of vast spiritual results. Christ enunciated the deepest principle underlying the spread of His Kingdom in this language: "Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die it abideth by itself alone; but if it die it beareth much fruit." On this ground may not a wonderful increase be expected of us today? Dr. J. Wesley Wood, the Secretary of Foreign Missions of our church, is asking that we have a rousing meeting and give the entire collection of this service to the Foreign Mission cause. Bishop George C. Clement, Rev. Mrs. H. E. Peters and Miss Tshabalala and perhaps Rev. Florence Randolph will sail with the party January 1, 1919. Five thousand dollars is needed for this one item of expense, therefore we appeal to the entire church to do its best. We must provide for our Missionaries and support our Zion in Africa and South America. It takes money. Let's give it in the Name of Him who died to save us.

Make remittance to Rev. J. W. Wood, 1231 Cornell Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Missionary Day Program, Sunday, Sept. 22, 1918

PROGRAM

Eleven O'clock Sunday Morning, September 22, 1918

1. Organ Prelude.
2. Processional—Selected.
3. Hymn—"Lo, the Day of God is Breaking."
4. Scripture Lesson—Acts 2, 47 verses.
5. Invocation.
6. The Beatitudes.
7. Hymn—"Look Unto Me and Be Ye Saved."
8. Sermon—Watchman, What of the Night?
9. "The Call of God is Sounding Clear."
10. Paper by a Missionary Worker—"What Can Our Church Membership Do to Help Africa?"
11. Song—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains."
12. Collection.
13. Announcements.
14. Doxology. Benediction. Amen.

Missionary Day Program, Sunday, Sept. 22, 1918

Missionary Pageant. Presentation of many nations. Church to be highly decorated with the flags of the Allied Nations. Special seats arranged for visitors. See to it that every child carries the American flag. Make the meet patriotic and spiritual. Leave nothing undone. The entire collection (this one service) for Foreign Missions.

1. Organ Prelude.
2. Processional—Selected.
3. Hymn.
4. Scripture Lesson.
5. Invocation.
6. Address (See page 2).
7. Solo.
8. The Needs of Africa.
9. Solo.
10. Must we raise the $5,000 for the African Expedition of Bishop Clement and Missionaries?

The Missionary Pageant

All members of the play seated on the platform dressed in native costume.

Opening Song

"The Star Spangled Banner."

DEFEAT AND VICTORY.

Defeat and victory are kin,
And one must know them both to win;
He has not proved his worth at all
Who has not suffered from a fall.
The victor's part man can not choose;
Who seeks to win, must learn to lose.

Man in his failure looks the best,
'Tis there he meets life's real test.
In every form of strife there lies
A richer treasure than the prize,
And he who places victory first
Has set his standard with the worst.

Who will not rather choose defeat
Than stoop to conquer by deceit—
Who counts an honest effort less
Than viciously attained success—
Has failed in life's supremest test,
Whatever medals deck his breast.

The brighter glories sometimes fall
To him that men a failure call.
The goal he misses is his pride;
For when his soul was being tried
He chose to lose the victor's fame
Than win by any trick of shame.

Better it is to miss the goal
Than stain the splendor of the soul;
And when at last the race is done
And known are all we've lost and won,
Our failures then may brighter glow
Than all the victories we show.

THE FLAG.

Here's to the red of it;
There's not a thread of it,
No, not a shred of it,
In all the spread of it
From foot to head,
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing in red.

Here's to the white of it;
Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it
But has felt the might of it
Through day and night;
Womanhood's care for it
Made manhood dare for it,
Purity's prayer for it
Kept it so white.

Here's to the blue of it,
Heavenly view of it,
Star-Spangled hue of it,
Honesty's due of it,
Constant and true;
Here's to the whole of it,
Stars, stripes and pole of it,
Here's to the soul of it,
Red, white and blue.

HE DIED FOR THE FLAG.

He died for the Flag! How easy to say it!
Yet how can man measure that sentence or weigh it,
Or sum up the glories of earth that he tried for,
Defining exactly the splendors he died for?
He died for the Flag! Was he selfishly dreaming?
Was he eager for fortune and sordidly scheming
With greed in his heart? Was he striving for treasure—
For soft days of comfort and indolent leisure?
Oh, no. He was fighting and toiling for others,
And this is his tribute—he died for his brothers.

LEARN TO FORGET.

Turn from the past with its old regret;
Harvest the wisdom and shut the door;
Turn to the dawn when the sun is set,
Turn from the chill of the nevermore.
Learn to forget.

Is there a past with a judgment debt?
Do what you can, then make your pledge;
And, turning away from the memory fret,
Live on the moment's brittle edge.
Learn to forget.

LITTLE CHILDREN IN JAPAN.

The little children in Japan
Are fearfully polite;
They always thank their bread and milk
Before they take a bite,
And say "You make us most content,
O honorable nourishment."

The little children in Japan
Don't think of being rude.
"O noble, dear mamma," they say,
"We trust we don't intrude,"
Instead of rushing in to where
All day their mother combs her hair.

The little children in Japan
Wear mittens on their feet;
They have no proper hats to go
A-walking on the strect;
And wooden stilts for overshoes
They don't object at all to use.

The little children in Japan
With toys of paper play,
And carry paper parasols
To keep the rain away;
And, when you go to see, you'll find
It's paper walls they live behind.

RECITATION, "KOREA."

I come from Korea, a little land that juts into the Pacific Ocean, east of China. The Japanese have ruled my country since their war with Russia. My people worship idols made of wood and stone, but the Missionaries have come to tell the story of the Gospel, and many people have thrown away their idols and have turned unto the living God. He is doing mighty acts in my little land.

"I'M A LITTLE MISSIONARY."

I'm a little missionary—
That's what I want to be
As soon as I get big enough
Just wait, and you will see!

Perhaps I'll go to Africa—
Where all the folks are black!
Maybe I'll go to India—
I'm 'fraid I'd never get back.

I'd want to see my papa dear,
Just awful bad, I know.
I'll try and send somebody else
'Till I'm big enough to go.

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RECITATION, "EGYPT."

My home is in far-away Egypt, where Joseph lived during the seven years of plenty and the seven years of famine. Moses was born there. His mother put him in a little basket and placed it in the River Nile. There the Children of Israel were in bondade until God led them out across the Red Sea. There are the pyramids and there are found the mummies. Down the Nile River Colonel Roosevelt journeyed to the hunting lands of Africa. My people are Mohammedans. The boys study a book called the Koran. Girls are not sent to school. We do not know Jesus, the World Saviour, or the Bible Story about God's Love.

RECITATION, "THERE IS NO KING."

There is no king but Jesus;
The red, the black, the brown,
The yellow, and the white man,
Shall tender Him the crown.
Sound forth the gospel message,
America shall conquered be
For Christ our King.

RECITATION, "WHISPER SONG."

I want to send a Whisper Song
Across the waters blue,
And say to all the children there,
Jesus loves you, Jesus loves you.
And if they should not quite understand,
They'll wonder if 'tis true;
So I will keep on whispering still,
Jesus loves you, Jesus loves you.

AFRICA.

(Six girls dressed in white with letters "Africa." Start with A.)

A— A land of deepest gloom—
No sun to light your way,
Your light now descends from the moon,
You scarce can see your way.

F— Faith tells me now that you shall rise
And from your sky shall shine—
A light that all the world shall prize,
Your sun shall be like mine.

R— Roll on the day when God shall be,
To you a light most bright,
When you shall sing and shout like me
In holy Christian light.

I— In robes of purest white you'll stand
With crowns upon your brow,
And millions yet will join your band—
I hear them coming now.

C— Come, brothers, sisters, one and all,
Let's do our part today;
Stretch forth our hand, let money fall,
Let no one here say nay.
(Drop money in plate.)

A— All glory be to Christ, the King,
Africa MUST be saved,
Those heathen tribes their tributes bring,
With shouts their banners wave.

All (Together)

Lift up your heads, ye bowed down ones,
Come, join our happy band,
We hear the call and we shall run
To save our fathers' land.

You've heard the boastful language
Of the man who used to shake
His head in playful pride and say,
"My wife, she takes the cake."

Although she's still exacting,
Some things she will forego.
Whereas she used to take the cake,
She now just takes the dough.

Sing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

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PROGRAM—7:30 P. M.

1. Organ Prelude.
2. Hymn—"Go Spread the Gospel."
3. Scripture Lesson—Matthew 28th Chapter.
4. Invocation.
5. Beatitudes.
6. Hymn.
7. Sermon—"The Commission."
8. Song Service.
9. Collection. Announcements.
10. Benediction.

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THE CRISIS

Another Missionary Day is upon us. This time we are asking you to give us the entire collection, that we may have the $5,000 necessary to finance the trip of Bishop G. C. Clement, D. D., Rev. Mrs. H. E. Peters and Miss Tshabalala to Africa Three thousand dollars is needed as an appropriation to the work. The amount that you send in from which may be deducted the assessment on your certificate. Every pastor who loves his church will do his best. With best wishes for your continued success in the service of the Master.

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A firm conviction of the existence of God and a competent knowledge of His natural perfection lie at the foundation of all religions, both natural and revealed.

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Missionary Day, Sunday, Sepember 22. Let's make it the biggest, brightest and best of all church festivals. Give one service to the cause. We need the help of the church.

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Do we have a Foreign Missionary Department? The existence of such a department is expressed in the actions of our pastors and congregations. One big service for humanity is the requisite on Missionary Day. Present the Missionary Pageant as outlined by our program and give us the entire collection. We must have $5,000 for the trip of Bishop G. C. Clement, Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshabailala.

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We shall not comment upon the personnel of our latest Connectional Council meeting, held at Asheville, N. C. We are pleased to say, however, that the meeting was one of real profit to the general church. Aside from the Bishops and general officers and members of the Council there were men and women from nearly every section of the church present.

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The Rev. M. D. Smith, D. D., pastor Clinton Chapel, Charlotte, N. C., and the other pastors of the same city are doing well. The in around Charlotte are making good for the church and race.

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The eldest daughter of Rev. Smith has been in bad health for six months. We hope for her a speedy recovery. Dr. Smith raised $2,500 in his recent rally.

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Dr. Geo. L. White, pastor of our fashionable congregation at Elizabeth City, N. C., is regarded as one of the ablest and most eloquent preachers of the race. He is truly a master in Israel and a natural born pulpiteer. Dr. Joseph Gorham, presiding elder, and the other leading men of the Albermarle Conference reports their work as being in the very best of condition.

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The New England Conference was among the best of the spring conferences that we attended. Bishop Lee is certainly a master on the job. He is a born leader of men and somehow men like to follow him. Rev. Isaac B. Walters and his good people entertained the conference as no other than a Walters could do. I am sure that all who attended feel an indebtedness to Brother Walters for his kind hospitality as well as the hospitality of his good people. We shall never forget the good people of Worcester, Mass.

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Mrs. Carrie C. Henderson of High Point, N. C.; Mrs. G. H. Wright of Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Howard of Somerville, N. J.; Mrs Skinner of Boston and Dr. J. P. Foote of Cincinnati, Ohio, are doing effective work for The Seer. They are selling hundreds of copies monthly and sending in many new subscribers, for which we extend our heartfelt thanks.

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Rev. J. A. Quience of Leland, N. C., is a great and good man. His heart is full of love for the cause of Foreigns Missions. We are expecting great things from him on Missionary Day, fourth Sunday in September.

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The Connectional Council was largely attended by ministers of our church from nearly every section of our Zion. Some strange things were said and heard among the men on the outside.

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Want money and get it if you can, honorably and happily. Want it and get it not for love of it, but for what it can do for you and for others. For the release it can give you from uncongenial tasks, undesirable surroundings and such other unpleasant things as you know God does not mean you to continue to endure. Want it for the opportunities it can give you, too, particularly opportunities of lightening and brightening the lives of other men and women.

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Bishop and Mrs. J. W. Alstork of Montgomery, Ala., spent a pleasant time in Indianapolis, Ind., August 23 and 24, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Woods, 1231 Cornell avenue. The good Bishop expressed himself as having enjoyed a most pleasant and profitable trip to Detroit, Mich., and other places of interest in the northern section of our great country.

THE NEW ASPECT OF AN OLD PROBLEM.

The "negro problem" has largely belonged to the South. Since the Great World War began, in 1914, swift and significant changes have taken place in the industrial arena of our national life, which have made

a new setting for an old problem. At last the North may and must share in the solution of the problem of developing the colored folk of our nation in their own midst.

When the supply of immigrant labor was cut off from our country by the war, great enterprises that sustain our material existence and supply much to the world, were confronted with an extraordinary situation. Current magazines have commented with animation on the migration of thousands of negroes from the South to the North to meet this crisis. There is divergence in the range of estimates, but the World's Work states that no fewer than 450,000 have come North, 100,000 to the State of Pennsylvania alone. Up to date (September 1), there is a colony of over ? ? ? ? ?

As we go about our daily tasks in peace and safety men are dying every minute on the battlefields of Europe to save civilization. Our own gallant soldiers are shedding their blood in France and our sailors engulfed in the waters of the Atlantic as they go in defense of America's rights and honor.

Upon our performance of the work committed to us depend the loves of thousands of men and women, the fate of many nations, the preservation of civilization and humanity itself; and the more efficient and prompt we people of America are in doing our part the more quickly will this war come to an end and the greater the number of our soldiers and sailors who will be saved from death and suffering and the greater number of the people of other nations released from bondage and saved from death.

To work, to save, to economize, to give financial support to the Government is a duty of the Nation and to the world and it is especially a duty to our fighting men who on land and sea are offering their lives for their country and their countrymen.

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

While the greatest battle of the war is raging on the western front America's hearts are turning there with dismay, with apprehension, with dread; and through many minds there passes the thought, acknowledged or suppressed, Is it worth while? Are the ideals we are helping to win worth the sacrifice of ease and comfort, of food and money and men? Are they worth the sorrow and pain and loss that we must pay?

We are so used to living within the little circle of our interests that most of us do not look at the big things of life with a broad vision; we are like the hub of a wheel with the spokes of events centering in ourselves, and we think only of how we are personally affected by their contact.

To get the broader vision we must sweep over the past and read what history has to tell. In 490 B. C. the Greeks flung back the hordes of Persia, checking the conquest of Europe by an Oriental despotism; there followed the most brilliant period of Athens; and the Greek dead who lie under the mound of Marathon said it was worth while.

Three centuries later the Romans defeated the Carthaginian army, preventing them from conquering Europe. Freed from this danger, Rome, the mother of republics and the lawgiver of the world, developed the strong government of its virile age; and the victors of the Metaurus said it was worth while.

In 732 Charles the Hammer drove the Saracens out of France and Europe was saved from Mohammedan conquest; contrasting the soul of France with northern Africa, dominated by Mohammedanism, the Franks who fell at Tours said it was worth while.

When Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo ended the menace of another world conqueror Europe breathed freely once more; and the lion, looking from his mound over the plains of Belgium, where thousands were buried, said it was worth while.

When our country reached its crisis at Gettysburg those who died at Culp's Hill and Cemetery Ridge that liberty might not perish from the earth join with the thin lines of the blue and the gray who keep the anniversary on that sacred ground in saying it was worth while.

Each of these battles was the supreme effort of despotism to throttle freedom, of a conqueror to bind his will upon a subject people; and we, the heritors of the ages, know that the sacrifice of those who died was worth the cost.

It is not how long we live, but what we do with our lives, that counts. In the vastness of eternity a thousand years are but as yesterday and our life at most but a span long.

"And how can man die better
Than facing fearful odds
For the ashes of his fathers
And the temples of his gods?"

—for the fathers who fought to secure and preserve liberty and for the temples of righteousness, justice and peace?—Public Ledger.

HYMN.

By Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

O li'l lamb out in de col',
De Mastah call you to de fol',
O li'l lamb!
He hyeah you bleatin' on de hill;
Come hyeah an' keep yo' mou'ning still,
O li'l lamb!

De Mastah sen' de shepud fo'f;
He wandah souf, he wandah no'f,
O li'l lamb!
He wandah eas', he wandah wes';
De win' a-wrenchin' at his breas',
O li'l lamb!

Oh, tell the shepud waih you hide;
He want you walkin' by his side,
O li'l lamb!
He know you weak, he know you so;
But come, don' stay away no mo',
O li'l lamb!

An' af'ah while de lamb he hyeah
De shepud's voice a-callin' cleah—
Sweet li'l lamb!
He answah f'om de brambles thick,
"O Shepud, I's a-comin' quick"—
O li'l lamb!

—From Lyrics of the Hearthstone.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT W. H. & F. MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

(By Rev. W. R. Lovell.)

Dear Doctor Wood:

Will you kindly give space in The Seer for this report on the convention recently held in the Asheville district?

The Asheville District Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention met at Keesler Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Murphy, N. C., June 27-30, 1918. Dr. E. M. Argyle, presiding elder of the Asheville district, was present and presided at the opening session. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. W. R. Lovell, pastor of Varick Chapel, Asheville, N. C. Subject: Woman's Task. Text: She hath done what she could. (Mark 14:8.)

The Friday morning session was devoted to organization. Mrs. J. W. Henderson was elected secretary, Mrs. M. B. McKinney chairman of the finance committee, Dr. E. M. Argyle reporter to The Seer, which duty was later delegated to ye scribe. At the conclusion of the appointment of the various committees the remainder of this session was given to the discussion of ways and means for strengthening the mission work of the district. Madam Marie L. Clinton was present and was asked to preside, which she did with grace and impartiality. Mrs. Clinton added much to the work of the convention by her sunny disposition, cheering words and optimism.

Friday afternoon was given to hearing reports and the collection of personal dues. The reports were not so numerous as they should have been, and delegates were fewer still, but genuine earnestness marked the reports that were read.

Rev. Mrs. V. P. Robinson, of Newport, Tenn., opened this session with a soul-stirring hour of devotion, which gave considerable life to it.

Friday evening the convention was thrilled by a sermon from Rev. J. W. Henderson, the popular pastor of Sylva, N. C. Subject: What Is Christ to me? Text: Without me ye can do nothing. (Acts — —.) A real spiritual tidal wave followed this excellent sermon, during which eight young men and women came forward for prayer.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to the winding up of unfinished business and routine matters. Many and varied suggestions were forthcoming which were calculated to greatly improve the work throughout the district.

The convention was in store for a real treat Saturday, though some intimation of the "star event" had been whispered here and there. Dr. Argyle introduced Rev. Mrs. V. P. Robinson, who took for her text Matt. 14:12. 'Twas a glorious hour while Sister Robinson preached the gospel. Rev. Padgett led in prayer. Mrs. M. L. Clinton made an earnest appeal for the offering, being assisted by Sister Robinson. A $1.00 rally had been planned by Rev. J. S. McKinney, the pastor, and $16.50 was realized from this effort.

Then came the most pleasing feature of the convention, when little Leatha Suddith of Murphy was made a life member by the paying over of $20.00, which was raised through a very unique plan, the creation of Mrs. J. S. McKinney, the efficient district president. On motion of Mrs. Clinton little Leatha was given the Sunday school salute.

Sunday at 11 o'clock the convention was stirred by a strong gospel sermon by Dr. E. M. Argyle, presiding elder. Text: John 13:23. Brother Argyle was at his best, and those who know him know what this means. The afternoon was given over to hear another soul-stirring sermon from Rev. Mrs. Robinson, which was delivered so forcefully (from Eph. 5:27) that another tidal wave of spirituality resulted, in which four came forward for prayer.

Sunday evening the closing session of the convention was marked by another strong sermon from Rev. J. W. Henderson. Text: John 14:9. After this spiritual feast Mrs. Clinton led in singing "Angels Calling Me." Rev. Mrs. Robinson led in a fervent prayer. The finance committee raised a collection of $6.06, making a total of $120.71. The committee on resolutions reported, the benediction was announced, and thus ended a most remarkable convention in that the outcome far exceeded the most hopeful expectations of those in attendance. Through the unselfish ness of those present, and the extraordinary forethought of Rev. and Mrs. J. S. McKinney $50.00 was sent to the General Treasurer. Too much cannot be said of the splendid manner in which the pastor and the good people of Murphy entertained the convention. All agreed that it was a fine thing that the convention was held at Murphy, for while the distance prevented many from attending, the congenial and loving people of this semi-isolated charge needed just the inspiration which this convention could give. And they were in every sense of the word appreciative.

MOSLEM LANDS.

Christian Literature for Moslem Children.

A recent report on Moslem Lands, presented to the executive committee of the World's Sunday School Association by Bishop Hartzell shows how the foundations in character building among Moslem children are being laid by giving the gospel and Christian literature to the childhood of North Africa, Persia, Arabia, Egypt and the Sudan. Under the leadership of Rev. Stephen V. Trowbridge, the World's Sunday school secretary for Moslem Lands, notable work has already been done and is increasingly appreciated by Egyptian Christians as well as by the missionaries. About 350 Moslem boys are under efficient Christian teaching in the day and Sunday schools of the American Mission in Egypt. There are 655 boys and girls, of whom 293 are Moslems in mission schools in the Sudan, where Dr. Zwemer estimates there are 1,500,000 Moslem children under 14 years of age. Doors are opening also for Christian literature among the 35,000,000 Malay Moslems, and among the throngs in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

To furnish wholesome Christian literature for Moslem boys, Mr. Trowbridge has translated into Arabic the life of Dr. Hogg, "A Master Builder of the Nile." If the world is to be "made safe for democracy," democracy must be made safe for the world by the supreme leadership of Christ. One great factor in this campaign must be wholesome Christian literature for childhood and youth.

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HIS GIFT AND MINE.

"Over against the treasury
He sits who gave himself for me.
He sees the coppers that I give
Who gave his life that I might live.
He sees the silver I withhold
Who left for me his throne of gold,
Who found a manger for his bed,
Who had not where to lay his head.
He sees the gold I clasp so tight,
And I am debtor in his sight."

PRAYER FOR AFRICA.

Almighty God, Thou hast knowledge of all Thy creation. Through our study we see more and more that Thou art brooding over this sin-torn world with tender care. The Holy Spirit does breathe desire for God into human hearts. We thank Thee that it has entered the blind, groping souls of thousands of black folk, causing them to long for a Brighter Light to shine among the cruelties of the bush, for a Greater Power than their charms and superstitions. Send many more to follow the brave men and women who have planted the church and the school, missionaries who feared naught but God. As the natives are instructed in the faith, temper their emotion into faithful stability, so that a Christian system of life for Africa may be established. Restrain the evil white men from offending these weak ones. May the day soon dawn when Black Africa will be under the White Cross, bringing her ivory, her gold, her rubber, her diamonds—all her riches of souls and possessions as gifts to the King for use in His Kingdom.

OUR ANNIVERSARY.

We are nearing the approach of another missionary anniversary. Millions of benighted souls are pleading and begging for our help. Last year we asked for ten thousand dollars. While we did not reach that "notch," hundreds of our ministers and missionary workers and friends responded nobly to our call. This year we are asking for one service and one collection. Every true minister of the gospel in the African M. E. Zion church will do his full duty by his own church. Render the program as directed and send in, on the following Monday, the full amount collected at the **Missionary Pageant Service,** which should be rendered at 3 p. m., Sunday, September 22nd.

Bishop George C. Clement, Rev. Mrs. H. E. Peters and Miss Tshabelala and perhaps ye editor will sail for Africa about January 1st, 1919. Five thousand dollars are needed for the expedition, and we hope that a large amount of this money will be raised on Missionary Day. For the sake of humanity and especially the unfortunate black people of Africa, we ask you in the name of our blessed Saviour to give us one full collection for our work as already outlined. Bishop Clement and our missionaries cannot go to Africa unless you give us the money. Now, brethren, please give us one big service and one big collection for the cause. Our larger churches, in St. Louis, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Louisville, Ky.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Mobile, Ala.; Montgomery, Ala.; Birmingham, Ala.; Wilmington, N. C.; Norfolk, Va.; Charlotte, N. C.; Washington, D. C.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Pittsburg, Pa.; Harrisburg, Pa.; New York City; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Petersburg, Va.; Boston, Mass., and Pensacola, Fla., should give from $100.00 to $150.00. Most of these congregations can give this amount and not feel it. May God help our brethren to help their own church. We have hundreds of churches of less magnitude that can do equally as well and some of them have already done the lion's share. We wish to call your attention to the fact that Bishop Clement and our missionaries will never go to Africa if we do not go far beyond the assessment on the certificate of appointment. Therefore, we ask you to disregard the assessment and send in the full collection that we may have enough money to provide for the keep of the department and have a surplus of $5,000.00 as an expedition fund. We are sure that you will answer this appeal.

THE CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL.

The Council meeting recently held at Asheville, N. C., passes into history as one of the most profitable sessions ever held. Every department of our church reported marked improvements and progress. More money was collected during the last twelve months for the general church than ever before in the history of our Zion Methodism. The financial department, under the direction of Dr. Wm. H. Geler, financial secretary, has done remarkably well. The increase in this department is due largely to the secretary and the activities of our Bishops. Dr. Jno. C. Dancy, secretary of the Church Extension and Home Missionary departments, and Dr. C. S. Whitted, secretary of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Ministerial Brother-

hood, give an excellent account of their stewardship. The Foreign Mission Board reported a large increase in its finances and the department in a healthy condition. The W. H. and F. Missionary Society, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, raised more than $10,000 during the last year for this society. Rev. Mrs. F. Randolph, Mrs. A. W. Blackmore, Mrs. Marie L. Clinton, Miss Victoria Richardson, Mrs. Ida V. Smith and Mrs. Lizzie P. Evans, general officers of this department, receive the commendation of the entire church for their successful management of the Woman's department. Great credit is due Mrs. J. W. Alstark, of Alabama, for her untiring labors in the interest of foreign missions in Alabama. She held the only missionary convocation so far this year. Mrs. G. C. Clement, Ella J. Caldwell and Mrs. R. B. Brown come in for a good measure of the success of the department. Even these could not have succeeded without the hearty co-operation of the conference and local presidents throughout the connection. Our good women will rally for $5,000.00 as an expedition item for the department. Mrs. A. W. Blackwell will introduce the plan to get the money. We must collect this money and have it in hand by December 20th. Every society throughout the connection is expected to get in the drive for the $5,000.00 needed.

THE THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Bishop J. W. Alstark, D. D., will sail for Demerara, British Guiana, South America, February 1st, 1919. One thousand dollars is needed for the trip. The secretary of the Foreign Mission Board calls upon the presiding elders and pastors of the Third Episcopal District to arrange for a testimonial in honor of Bishop Alstark, and the money accruing from this special effort will be a part or all of the $1,000.00 asked for. We hope that each conference will organize at once for "The Alstark Testimonial Fund." The amount collected may be reported at each annual conference during its session. The secretary of Foreign Missions is anxious to have the presiding elders and pastors take up the matter at once with the good Bishop of the district and the secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

"ONE DAY'S INCOME."

Could you not give one day's income for the Kingdom of Heaven? This would swell the offering for the spread of the Gospel in Africa and South America. This suggestion should appeal to every Christian in the A. M. E. Zion Church. One day's income annually for the greatest work of the Christian Church. We may say, "no." But some day we will come to it. The war is giving us daily lessons in world affairs and we are being taught to think in world terms. The hour for world evangelism has come. Any man or woman in our church can give one day's income to advance the Kingdom of Heaven. Let's make a big drive on Missionary Day for the $5,000.00 we are asking for. Let the following stanzas be your "motto":

"In this patriotic nation
Where we're asked to do our bit,
Would it be a Christian nation
If we let our Missions quit?

We make that Christian nation,
We make it, you and I,
And for the want of money
Shall we let our Missions die?

Let's each give our earnings
For one day in the year,
And be the means of sending
The gospel far and near."

Walters' Zion Manse, Fellowship P. O.,
Demerara, British Guiana, South America,
July 15th, 1918.

Dr. J. W. Wood, Cor. Missionary Secretary,
1231 Cornell Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., U. S. A.

My Very Dear Doctor:

Your last letter, assuring me of the dispatch of the long expected suit, was received some weeks ago and last week, Friday, that suit and bib, accompanied by a posted letter from Kahn Tailoring Co., were also gladly received. It is a fit and I must now thank you for your extra care and brotherly kindness to me, your missionary through Jesus Christ, and who can be your decent A. M. E. Zion representative here now.

I am sure when we were laying our Alstork's corner-stone at Uitvlugt, four miles from Walkers' by road on the 30th, ultimo, you and Bishop Alstork must have been reading my letters of intimation. The ceremony was a success. I am, therefore, on my second mile stone journey for our dear Lord Jesus Christ, and our beloved Zion. Pray for me. The undertaking will cost us fully $1,000.00. All the materials for a 40 by 20-foot building we obtained on credit for three years on quarterly payments. We hope to put on carpenters next week and complete it about October (D. V.) for opening. It will be on leased land with the exceptional right of purchasing it sooner or later for not under two hundred dollars. The society members and our communicants and followers are enthusiastic and your help under God is looked forward to, also. I think I deserve some grant for this noble move in a great field, where ministerial jealousy is hot gainst us now, but God's peculiar presence with me is almost obvious to view. I'll send you our newspaper account of the memorable event.

We are all well, but are anxious for some cash. I stand in need of a deacon now. Help me before you are pitchforked into the Bishopric. God bless you. What about our Banner?

A Mr. Adams, who is secretary of our Alstork (non-sectarian) United Self-Help Society for sickness and death, was dismissed by his Presbyterian minister, or excommunicated from church membership. Mr. Adams has manfully stuck to our United Self-Hedp Society, refusing to be a slave. He is not one of the five members we have there. This will give you an idea of my pioneer opposition here, when I am in the gutter, gradually helping some of our unattractive and despised fellow Negroes from a state of heathenism—open fornication, adultery and licentiousness. Mr. Adams' wife, too, is denied the rights of that church! I wish you could find time to write this living martyr for liberty, Christianity and for the spread of our beloved Zion here, a letter of consolation, etc., through me or direct to Mr. D. Adams, Secretary Alstork's A.

M. E. Zion United Self-Help Society, Uitvlugt P. O., Demerara, British Guiana, South America.

Pray for me. Our quarterly report is enclosed. My wife, the church and mission and society join me in love and thanks to you and our general church. We were looked upon as an organization of our beloved Zion of African origin of America which did not come to stay; hence, our opposition in some quarters is now not only passive, but active and fiery. But God and you, through our Foreign Board and our beloved Bishop Alstork, as truth must win or continue to conquer our enemies.

Help! Help! Help in a larger way is solicited and needed urgently in Macedonia.

With love and gratitude, I am,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

W. A. DEANE,
Foreign Missionary.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

ZION AT TARBORO, N. C.

(By Rev. A. McCallum, D. D.)

Rev. J. W. Wood, Editor The Seer:

Permit us to say that the church of which I have the honor to be pastor is spiritually and financially alive. Our big chautauqua and camp-meeting was a rousing success. Great good has come to the community and the people are still praising God for His divine providence in directing our effort for the good of the people. We hope that your department will reach the $5,000.00 mark for the work in Africa and the African expedition of Bishop Clement and our missionaries. We are proud of you and our missionary magazine, the Missionary Seer, it's a "gem."

EVERYBODY SHOULD READ THE SEER.

(By Rev. J. S. Bell, D. D., Beaufort, N. C.)

The Missionary Seer is a magazine of which the entire church is proud. It should be in the home of every Zionite in this country. Dr. Wood, our efficient secretary of Foreign Missions and editor of this splendid sheet, must receive our commendation and congratulations for the splendid work that he has done in his special department. We will stand by him in this present effort to raise $5,000.00 for the Foreign Missionary department. I shall do my full duty by my church and rally my people to raise a creditable amount for the work.

Beaufort, N. C.

A TRIP TO AFRICA.

(By Rev. B. J. Bridges, D. D.)

My Dear Dr. Wood:

I have just returned from a trip to Macon, Ga. I find in my mail the Missionary Seer. I have read it through and through and must say that it is one of the most interesting issues that you have ever printed.

Among the many things in it that interested me most was the trip that you are planning for Bishop Clement, our missionaries and yourself for Africa. I hope and pray that there will be nothing in the way to prevent you from taking the trip. I shall do my best and encourage the men of our conference to make every honorable effort to raise a creditable amount from our conference to help you in your glorious undertaking.

Atlanta, Ga.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA.

(By Rev. H. McElroy Stovall, D. D., P. E.)

Dr. J. W. Wood, Editor of the Seer:

It has been some time since you have heard from me. Not because my interest and respect was less, but because I have been so busy in the service of the master. As presiding elder of the California District of the California Conference, let me say that the work is growing by leaps and bounds. The people everywhere in California are saying that Zion in the far West has taken on new life. We enjoy reading the Missionary Seer. Your editorials are well put at all times, conservative in thought and timely in expressions. You have demonstrated your fitness for any position in the church. Your election is conceded on first ballot, and then we will go for the other men. I expect to be there to help put you over and crown you as my Bishop.

The work in the far West, under the administration of Bishop L. W. Kyles, D. D., is prospering as never before in the history of our church. The Seer shines.

Los Angeles, Cal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

(By Miss Eula Paige.)

Great was the Sunday School convention held at Garland, Ala. The opening session was replete with devotion. Led by the Rev. J. V. Catledge, presiding elder. The convention was organized by electing Miss M. Morris secretary; Miss Beatrice Palmer, assistant; Rev. L. R. Johnson, postoffice messenger; the writer, reporter to The Missionary Seer, and Miss B. Paige, to the Star of Zion, after which committees were appointed. Among those present at the opening session were Rev. J. V. Catledge, D. D., Rev. C. H. Watson, Rev. J. W. Jones, B. D., Dean of Theology, Hanon Lomax College, Greenville, Ala. The evening services were rich in words of welcome from the good people of Garland. Presiding Elder Catledge was recognized as the man of the hour, giving place for a Bible institute service, which was conducted by Rev. C. H. Watson, Sunday School missionary of Charlotte, N. C. Rev. I. S. Johnson preached a noble sermon from Jno. 4:2. Rev. W. A. Stewart read an interesting paper on the war and our duty to our country. Mr. Reed offered War Stamps for sale and many bought them, which was right. The delegates made splendid and creditable reports. We had an excellent sermon from Rev. G. W. Moores which was first class. Rev. Bro. Bowie conducted the devotions for us. On Saturday morning the praise services were conducted by Miss R. B. Paige. Rev. W. W. Herring was introduced. He had many good words for the convention. Rev. J. S. Davidson preached a splendid sermon at the morning service, which was good. The young women of the Brewton district did themselves credit in their

reports. But that oration from Mr. Bishop Montgomery was fine. Another great sermon was preached by Bro. M. J. Jackson. All were pleased Sunday morning. Miss Susan Paige, Revs. G. W. Moore and M. Jackson addressed the Sunday School. The 11 o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. Ricks. The 3 o'clock p. m. sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Stewart. The convention closed with marked impressions for good and it is our desire that the Sunday School work in this part of Alabama may increase along all lines.

Burnt Corn, Ala.

MRS. M. E. BAILS IS NO MORE.

(By Miss R. R. Howard.)

We chronicle the death of one among the most faithful missionary workers in this section of our Zion. Sister Bails was a woman of strong character. Her life was one of real service, not to herself, but to others. She tried to make others happy. Her life was sweet in affection for all. We, the official members of the Middleboro district, mourn our loss, for we had in Sister Bails one of the most faithful women in our church anywhere. We loved her, but God lover her best. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, even so saith the spirit, for they shall rest from their labors. Signed: Mrs. M. E. Clay, district president; Mrs. Matilda Johnson, local president; Mrs. Fannie Armstrong, vice president; Miss Bessie Howard, superintendent Buds.

THE FOUNDATION SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(By Rev. J. R. Blake, Pastor.)

My Dear Editor:

Allow us space to say that the Foundation Sunday School of the A. M. E. Zion Church is alive. We are sending you $4.00 for missions and the Ketu Building Fund. Our work is in fine shape and we are preparing for Missionary Day. We will rally to the front with vim and success. Our superintendent, T. A. Wethers, is a splendid asset, not only to the church and Sunday School, but to the community. You will hear from us again soon.

Chester, S. C.

WHO WILL HELP THIS POOR MISSIONARY?

Dear Dr. Wood:

I am barefooted and hungry. The war is on and we are suffering for the want of bread and clothing. I have no shoes. Wife and I are compelled to go barefooted. Shoes here will cost from $18 to $20 per pair. Oh, I do wish for shoes for myself and wife. The Mt. Coffee Farm is going to pieces because there is no one here responsible for its upkeep. Do send us a good preacher and wife to take charge of the work. I am not a preacher. I cannot do the work of an evangelist. Send us help. Oh, come to our relief. We want clothes. My wife would be glad to get a few old dresses from the folks at home. Tell them to send us a box. Truly God is not asleep and His people gone from home. Will you help us. Tell the good women at home to think of us. Yes, the least they do for Jesus will be precious in his sight.

From Mr. H. A. Carter, Mt. Coffee, Liberia, West Africa, care Muhlenburg Mission, Monrovia, West Africa.

BUILDING A NEW CHURCH.

(By Rev. E. Z. Jackson.)

My Dear Dr. Wood:

The Seer is the best missionary magazine that I have had the honor to read. We are proud of the man behind the gun. I am getting on nicely with my work. The people are glad to have me as their pastor, and I am glad indeed to be their spiritual leader. I am building a new church at Newington, Ga. We have a fine lot on which the church is being built. What about the war? It has hindered us a little down this way—what about it up your way? Editor, the war has put more money in circulation today than ever before in the history of the world. There cannot be any distressing news about hard times—for there are none.

WEST COAST NEWS.

A. M. E. Zion Mission at Uitvlugt—Mrs. Fung Kee Fung Lays the Corner Stone.

The ceremony of the laying of the corner stone of the Alstork's A. M. E. Zion Mission and Society Building at Uitvlugt, West Coast, the second mile stone of the Rev. W. A. Deane's mission work, which was performed by Mrs. Martha Fung-Kee Fung, a genuine and tried supporter of the pastor, was witnessed by a very large crowd of persons, consisting chiefly of members of the Walters A. M. E. Zion Church at Hague and members of both arms of the Taylor's and Alstork's U. S. A. Society. There were under the shed the Revs. W. A. Deane, pastor and founder, and H. W. Grant, Moravian minister; Mrs. Fung-Kee Fung and Messrs. C. R. Browne, Boodhoo, Jaikaram, druggist; Moses Chin, Fung-Kee Fung (2) James and Thomas Wharton, Cruickshank, James N. Yhap, Drakes and Fung, and Mesdames Deane, Adams, Moses Loo, Grantham, H. D. Hack, Hicks and James Lee. Others present were Messrs. A. Alleyne, V. P. E. Deane, Cantzlar, Joseph Lashley, Francis Smith, John Granger and C. Browne, J. Amestyne, D. Adams, secretary; C. C. Browne, B. Thomas, and Mesdames Amestyne, Lewis Abrams and Agnes Knights and others.

The chairman, Mr. Browne, alluded to the good work the Rev. Mr. Deane has done during his brief ministerial career. He wished the work every possible success and hoped that Mr. Deane's efforts to extend his work throughout the colony would in the near future, with reinforced ministerial help, be a greater success. He said that the pastor was appreciated in the United States. Mr. Deane read the form of the ceremony and said that the foundation stone had been laid in behalf of the communicant members, about five; followers, about 60, as well as the U. S. Help Society's members, about 250, who worship and keep their meetings in the task gang garrison room kindly left by the authorities of Pln, Uitvglut, whose manager and attorney, Mr. R. Strang, and his staff —Messrs. W. O. Richards, deputy manager, and F. A.

Ferguson, building manager—Mr. J. M. Murison, manager of Pln. De Kinderen, the Hon. A. P. Sherlock and Mr. C. F. Wieting had been as generous as possible. Their European fellow colonists as a whole were no enemies to them; but friends, otherwise they could not alone build up their independence. They also had Chinese and East Indian sympathizers and true friends, amongst whom are Mrs. Fung-Kee Fung, a warm supporter of the cause of God; Mrs. Martha Chee-a-Tow and Messrs. H. D. Hack, Boodhoo, Seegolam, Jaikaram, Pitamber, Doobay, J. A. Luckhoo, Chu Hosingloy, Li, Hugh and others. A great friend of the cause is the Hon. P. N. Browne, K. C. Messrs. A. McLean Ogle, F. R., solicitor, and Mr. A. A. Dummett, dentist, were worthy of mention, as well as the masses of their people as a whole Captain H. Daley, of the Georgetown Cocoanut Estates Ltd., was a wonderful help to them. From him they had obtained all of their materials on easy terms or credit for three years, payable quarterly. He also gave them a quarterly mission grant. They could not but feel grateful to all who had helped. The edifice to be built would be 40 feet by 20 feet. The papers having been deposited and the stone adjusted, Mrs. Fung-Kee Fung spoke and performed the ceremony with a few words of cheer. After the presentation of two bouquets to Mrs. Fung-Kee Fung by Mrs. Hack and Baby Amestyne had been made, the ceremony was concluded with the benediction, which was preceded by the national anthem.

Inspiring Address by Rev. H. W. Grant.

The Rev. Mr. Grant delivered the following address:

When we think of Almighty God, the Great and Incomparable, the Supreme, and of a little building of human construction in which He is supposed to take interest, the idea seems incongruous. Yet He whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain has promised to dwell with those that are of a lowly and concrite heart. Jesus Christ is the chief corner stone of the greatest revelation that has ever been given to man—the revelation of the will and way of God that we find in the Book of Books.

Christ a Great Force.

He is the chief corner stone of Christian art and literature. He never wrote a book Himself, but He is the theme of more books than any other character in history. He never composed a song, but He is the hero of more songs than any other person known. Without Him we could not have had Murillo's "Assumption" of the Virgin, nor Ruben's "Descent from the Cross," nor Da Vinci's "Last Supper," nor Angelo's "Last Judgment," nor Raphael's "Sistine Madonna." Without Christ we could never have had Handel's "Messiah," nor Haydn's "Creation," nor any of the great masterpieces of music which have thrilled and uplifted the world. Christ is also the chief corner stone of the coming civilization.

God All in All.

The world is in expectancy that as a result of the clean-up that is taking place in Europe a new civilization will dawn. If that hope is realized, Christ must be the chief corner stone in it. Yea, Christ is the chief corner stone of ultimate Christianity, when the dream of humanity shall be realized, when every nation shall come into its own, when the churches shall be no more, and when God shall be all in all.

We are not met to lay the real foundation stone of the Christian church. No man can do that. No angel can do it. The God of the ages has seen to that already. What we are met to lay today is a representation of the rude foundation stone and to declare to the world our faith and to visualize to ourselves and to symbolize the fact that for us the true foundation stone is Christ. There will never be another Christ. Whatever surprises there may be in store for the world, Jesus will never be surpassed. He is the goal of all goodness, the summit of all thoughts, the perfection of all beauty, the crown of all character, the foundation of foundations. You cannot even link His name with other names. The name of Jesus stands alone. To link it with another, you must rise into the divine atmosphere of the Trinity.

WE DID IT AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

(By Rev. Jas. P. Foote, D. D.)

My Dear Dr. Wood:

The Missionary Seer is a real missionary magazine. I am "delighted" with it, for it is better now than ever before. We are making a **Big Drive** for our new church fund, and we will get the money, for it is here. Our first report was Sunday, June 30th. Up to that date we had in hand $1,031.47. This amount has been supplemented, so up to date of June 30th, we have $1,400.43. Those who have distinguished themselves as captains are:

Mrs. Almeto Foote	$ 247.75
Jane Randolph	127.00
Ira Williams	90.00
Lottie Penn	49.30
L. Marshall	61.25
M. Grier	39.10
W. Birchette	36.25
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S. Williams	8.50
C. Kemper	7.50
L. F. Sliger	4.26
Grand total	$1,400.00

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(By Rufus Gant.)

Rev. J. W. Woods, D. D.:

Will you allow me space to say just a few words for our church and its work. Our rally was a big success. Dr. J. S. Nelson is a fine pastor. He is full of plans and knows how to do things. We feel that our Zion is safe in his hands. We raised $1,250.00 on the indebtedness of our church. We will pull off our second rally later. Tell it to all that Hauser's Chapel is alive and Dr. Nelson is wideawake to every interest of the general church. We will remember you on Missionary Day.

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Glimpses of Bright Stars and Words of Wisdom

The greatest possible blessing for beings made in the formal likeness of God, is to be really like Him in the supreme love of truth, of beauty and of unselfish goodness.

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Thou art the same to-day and all the days;
And till we rise to dwell with Thee above,
Our source of strength shall be Thy boundless grace,
Our perfect resting-place Thy changeless love.

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Ah! it is good to be alive! but to know it is better still. But you have no right to live unless you can be grateful to life, and create your own reason for existing.

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"But we who know the cold gray sea,
The salt and flying spray,
We praise the Lord in our fathers' way,
In the simple faith of the sea we pray
To the God that the winds and waves obey,
Who sailed on Galilee."

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When the man of visions and the man of vows stoops to the ways and methods of the man of the world he may outwit him and grow rich, but his soul will shrink and shrivel, and his sense of God will depart from him.

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Therefore, to whom turn I but to Thee, the ineffable Name?
Builder and Maker, Thou, of houses not made with hands!
What! have fear of change from Thee who are ever the same?
Doubt that Thy power can fill the heart that Thy power expands?

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Homemade trouble lasts long, and Pride is one of the manufacturers of trouble which works at home. Let me beware of being lifted up by my success, for the higher I rise by pride the lower will be my fall.

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When the heart is right with God it will find fit and proper expression in the well-ordered worship of the sanctuary. It will find the outward ordinances a means of quickening the soul by the laws of association and expression; but the outward can never be substituted for the inward. The soul must know God and worship Him as a Spirit.

No anchor is of any use whatsoever to a ship that cannot by its cable go down to take hold of the firm bottom and that, taking hold of it, is not able to keep the ship. If when a wave beats, if when the whole concentrated fury of the storm beats on the ship, the anchor holds it, that is an anchor worth having.

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Our growth into the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ will be in exact proportion to the time and heart that we put into prayer. God has provided for us in Christ all the fullness of spiritual blessing. The trouble with a great many is that they have not appropriated what God has provided.

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The power of God is at the disposal of praying souls. . . . Prayer has gone up to heaven, found acceptance, and returned in answers of almighty power as moisture goes up in vapor and returns in rain. Supplication when it is according to Scriptural conditions, commands Divine interposition.

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We are asking for $5,000 African Relief Fund. How much will you give? We cannot send Bishop Clements and our missionaries to Africa January 1st, 1919, unless the church gives the money. Read our urgent appeal. Help us.

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Anyone who in these days of necessity buys something he does not need, is hiring somebody else to do something he does not need to do and to fail in doing what he does need to do.

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My son, go not with the fool who saith: "Come, be a sport! Let us all have one purse, and see our money talk." For the friendship of the spender is like gas uncorked, and the feel of money the match thereto.

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If thou blow a spark, it shall burn; and if thou spit upon it, it shall be quenched: and both these shall come out of thy mouth. Curse the whisperer and the double-tongued; for he hath destroyed many that were at peace: curse him, and quote him not.—Mostly Ecclesiasticus.

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While babes die, and mothers and men are crying for bread on the ensanguined fields of Europe, more than 52,000,000 bushels of grain are wasted annually in the United States in the manufacture of liquor. What comes out of it but wretchedness and crime?

Don't be downhearted! What have you lost? A little time, often misspent; a little money, often unearned; a little ease, too much indulged; a little independence, too often displayed. Life remains, stripped of its rags and trinkets, made supple and clear-eyed. All to the good. Don't be downhearted.

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Down at the bottom of his heart every man knows that the world's wound requires the attention of the Master Surgeon. We may give first aid right now—cauterize, clip, bandage,—but the case must go back to the base hospital. Six thousand years of effort to make this world a livable place ought to find us willing, after this last outbreak, to refer it for final adjustment to the One who only can make it over. He has promised to do it.

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Do I know what is coming next? No; but I know what is coming last; and with my eyes fixed on that goal, I shall not care what comes between.

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In 1917 brewers of the United States wasted more than 3,000,000 tons of coal. And then came heatless Mondays. Children shivered and mothers froze. The liquor business catches them coming and going: it takes away the money that should buy them food and fuel, and then it takes away the food and fuel.

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Bread made of corn is sweet, grateful to the palate, strength to the bones, and patriotice in every way. Why has Indian maize preempted in America that term "corn," which primarily means all grain? Because to our infant nation it was more fully the staff of life than wheat or any other Old World corn. America grew up on corn, and could now well repeat her youthful experience. Wheat is not so scarce this year as last; but remember that while in Scotland corn is oats, and in England corn is wheat, in America corn is corn.

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Certain newspapers are still very solicitous about the "personal liberty" feature of prohibition. It is, they maintain, an iniquitous invasion of privacy, or democracy, or states rights, or something, to stop a business that converts food into poison when food is scarce, or to forbid a man's swallowing that poison because it cuts his efficiency in half and makes all his best intentioned efforts dangerous. But these same newspapers are not pleading for the "personal liberty" of U-boats to send wheat and women and children to the bottom of the sea, nor for the "personal liberty" of a German madman to take the world under his protection. Your liberty and my liberty to do as we please is limited by the effect that what we please to do has on the rest of the world.

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A united effort upon the part of every local Missionary Society throughout the church is expected. Sisters, we are depending upon you. Please come to our rescue.

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The Christian natives of the islands of Aniwa in the New Hebrides, which was Dr. John G. Paton's special field, not only pay the salaries of all their teachers but contribute regularly for the mission hospitals and other objects outside the islands.

The heathen population of the New Hebrides is steadily decreasing; the Christian population is actually increasing in many places. The death rate decreases with the advance of Christianity in any section.

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The John D. Wells School in Seoul is one of the missionary institutions giving to their students valuable training in Korean industries and at the same time assisting the boys in the expenses of their education.

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Paraguay, a country nearly as large as Spain, and with a percentage of illiteracy of over sixty, is practically without any organized missionary work. It deserves to be called "the neglected land of the Neglected Continent."

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With every Oriental woman student in America the Young Women's Christian Association maintains friendly relations, through visits from a special secretary, invitations to summer conferences, and in other ways.

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In the twelve cities in China where Sherwood Eddy recently held his remarkable series of meetings, large bodies of Chinese Christians had been prepared to do personal work, and the selected non-Christians who were brought to the meetings and there signed decision cards are now being trained in Bible classes for church membership.

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Churches representing ten different Presbyterian bodies at work in China have united to organize one General Assembly for China, and representatives of the British and American Congregational missions are to take their place in the organization.

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One of the most remarkable instances of Christian internationalism which the war has produced is the sending of a deputation to the Allied Armies at various points in Europe by the Young Men's Christian Association of Japan.

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The present King of Siam is disregarding the guarantees of religious liberty established by the late King, his father, and in many ways is promoting Buddhism. In both Siam and Ceylon Buddhism is now being emphasized as the national, and Christianity as a foreign, religion.

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About 400 camp pastors, representing the leading Protestant denominations and serving in the various training camps throughout the country, are rendering valuable service in connecting the men in camps with the churches in the surrounding communities.

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Though the total membership of the Christian Church of all branches in Japan is only about 300,000—half of them being Protestants—a Japanese educator has expressed the opinion that there are in all Japan 1,000,000 people who follow Christ in their hearts.

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The Salvation Army in Germany and Austria has been wiped out by an order of the Kaiser, all the real estate and other property belonging to the organization having been confiscated months ago. Over 100,000 Salvationists are fighting in the Allied armies.

50,000 DIMES WANTED.

For the African Relief Campaign.

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Dime banks and punch cards for everybody. Send ten cents at once and get yours from Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, 624 S. Sixteenth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Punch cards free. Let the young folks, children and everybody get into this "drive" and show the world what the A. M. E. Zion church can do for missions. Instructions will be sent how and where to report banks. Keys will be supplied for opening banks at the proper time.

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Dear Superintendent
A. M. E. Zion Sunday School:

It is very seldom the Sunday school is given an opportunity to do anything in a large way for Missions, although the fifth Sunday is set apart as a special day for this work. Since no school is considered "Standard" that has no definite program for Missions, we are giving you the opportunity, in the "Drive" we are putting on for our work in Africa.

The Foreign Mission Board has put on a campaign to raise money to send Bishop Clement, Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshabalala to Africa, with needed supplies for our Missions there, and the Sunday school has been asked to help. The missionary work there is in dire need of assistance at this time, when thousands of its sons are on the battlefield, and the warring nations are wrangling over the division of its vast domain, and the supplies of food stuffs from Europe have been cut off, and the people are facing starvation, and the Missionaries on the field are destitute; these calamatous conditions appeal to every organized force in the race for help.

We know that you are glad of this opportunity to help. We have banks that hold fifty dimes, in which to collect the money, and we believe that any Sunday school can fill a bank, others can fill many. Then we have punch cards that can be used for the pennies and nickles. How many banks and cards can you use in your Sunday school? Send your order in at once and set the children to work. Banks are ten cents each and cards are free. Will you help your Sunday school to be the leading one in this campaign, if so, get with your collectors and help them get all that they can. The banks must be in by December 20th. Instructions will be sent how and where the report is to be made. Keys will be supplied at the proper time for opening the banks.

If you will write to Prof. Jas. W. Eichelberger, Warren, Ark., and tell him the amount of money that you raise, then you will get credit for what you do for Missions in your department.

The Bishops approve of this "Drive," and are with us to make it a success, not only for the good that it will accomplish, but it will help swell the amount for each Episcopal District for the report at the General Missionary Convention, 1919, when the Episcopal Banner is awarded. Whatever is reported from your church through the Sunday school will help to swell the amount raised for Missions. I know that the pride that you have in your church, your district, your Episcopal District, and the love you have for suffering humanity will inspire you to do your very best to have your Sunday school make a fine report.

Thanking you for a prompt reply, and a large order for banks and cards and earnestly soliciting your interest and co-operation, I am, Yours for suffering humanity.

"Y" NOTES.

Congratulations.

(By Miss Victoria Richardson.)

I wish to highly commend the young women of the Missionary Department for splendid efforts put forth in the recent Missionary Drive.

The completion of the Quittah building for African girls is a surety, and God be praised for the young women who responded so readily to the call.

One thousand five hundred sixty-four dollars and fifty-five cents ($1,564.55) raised up to August 1. This does not include amount received at meeting held in Asheville.

Next will be the African Relief Fund. Our people are hungry and in need of bread. Let's to the rescue.

Mrs. E. L. Watkins, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Miss Lillian Browder, of Chicago, Ill.; Miss Lelia Logan, of Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. A. H. Battle, of Washington, D. C., were present at the Asheville and as "Y" district secretaries made themselves felt at this great meeting.

The girls whose cut appears on the cover of this splendid magazine, represent the Y's of Walter's Tabernacle at Chicago. They are most active, and served luncheon to the members of the council at Chicago last year.

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And the church shall be as a tree planted by the River of Water. That bringeth forth acceptable fruit in due season, her buds and leaves shall not wither and her growth into the depth of the heart of the world shall ever increase.

PRAYER.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we come with reverence to Thy mercy seat, honoring and praising Thy Holy Name. We thank Thee for the relevation Thou hast made of Thyself in Thy Holy Word; in the beautiful works of nature; and by Thy Spirit in our hearts. We confess our unworthiness of Thy blessings, for we have sinned, forgetful of Thy commands and of Thine infinite, eternal, unchangeable love. Father, forgive us for Christ's sake, and lead us to know that Thou dost love us even though we be unworthy of thy meercy. We pray for the brethren of our Zion to supply our need with money to carry on the work of human uplift among the heathens in foreign lands. Do Thou hear us, O Lord, and grant unto us the desire of our hearts. Amen.

We hope that our Missionary Day's collections will be full and free, and each pastor throughout the church will send in a creditable amount from his circuit and station. The demand upon the department of foreign mission grows with each passing season, our obligations are greater now than ever before in the history of the church, and we believe that every pastor will be heard from with a creditable remittance.

The editor of the Missionary Seer has made an extended trip throughout the far West in the interest of the Foreign Missionary Department of the church. The trip was one of great helpfulness and inspiration. We endeavored to inspire the people to greater activities along missionary lines, and we feel that great good will grow from the seed that we have planted along the Pacific coast in the interest of our foreign work. Our trip to the far West is due to the continued persistence of Bishop Linwood W. Kyles, D. D., of the 7th Episcopal District, who, out of the goodness of his big heart, did everything possible to make our vsiit to the far end of his work both pleasant and profitable. We shall never forget the unstinted hospitality of our ministers and members of our church on the Pacific coast. Among the brethren who contributed to our comfort along the way were: Rev. J. W. Pallett, of Prescott, Ariz.; Rev. A. R. Simpson, of Blyth, Cal.; Rev. J. E. McCorkle, of Los Angeles; Rev. H. W. Stovall, presiding elder of the California Conference; Rev. A. C. Yearwood, Rev. E. M. Clark, Rev. L. W. D. Henry, T. Allen Harvey, Rev. J. W. Harvey, Rev. S. A. Knox, Rev. C. L. J. Walls, Rev. W. J. J. Byers, Rev. J. B. Holmes, and the Rev. A. L. Lightford. Among the brethren who contributed to our comfort and pleasure while in Oregon were Rev. W. I. Rowan, W. W. Howard and the Rev. J. L. N. Bell. We regard our trip to the coast as one of profit to the cause of foreign missions. The good women as well as the pastors are inspired to work as never before for the cause. Great is the Pacific coast.

The November issue of the Seer will be our California edition. Look for it. We shall speak in detail of the work and the personnel of the California and Washington Conferences.

The fall Conferences are now being held, and it is our prayer that every minister in charge of a circuit or station will be able to make a full report for all benevolences. We are looking for full reports for the Foreign Mission Assessment, African Mission Schools and subscriptions to the Seer. The department needs the money. Our expenses for the general upkeep and supply to our three African students aside from the raise in salary for our foreign missionaries is beginning to work a hardship upon us to keep things going. We must pay $1,700.00 salaries aside from the general expenses of the department and missionaries by December 20th. How shall we meet these obligations unless we have the money? We are asking our good bishops to do their best in making collections for the department for we really need help. We wish for all a successful year with good reports.

Will the bishops, general officers, presiding elders and pastors, together with our good women, get behind our effort to raise $5,000 by December 20? We need help.

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My Dear Brother:

The Foreign Missions Board has put on an African Relief Campaign to Raise Fund to send Bishop G. C. Clement, Mrs. H. Peters and Miss C. L. Tshabalala to Africa, together with supplies for the destitute ones on the Mission Field. We are planning to raise the money through the Missionary Society and its auxilaries, the Varick Christian Endeavor Society, and the Sunday school.

The plan for raising it is simple, inexpensive and unique. The Dime Banks that we are using will hold fifty dimes, and we are asking that fifty thousand dimes be collected in them. What is that sum among so many?

I am asking that you order from us all the cards and banks that you can use in your Endeavor Society, or among your friends, and DO YOUR VERY BEST to make the report coming from the Christian Endeavor Society as large as possible, as the society has never been given the opportunity to do much for our missionary work, and you must be ready to show its strength.

When you send your money to Mrs. Ida V. Smith, 1309 R street, Washington, D. C., write a card to Prof. Aaron Brown, Box 886, Pensacola, Fla., so that you will get credit in your department for what you do for missions.

The bank must be in before the 20th of December. Instructions will be given how and where to report. Keys to open the banks will be provided at the proper time.

Thanking you for your interest and co-operation with the members of the auxiliaries of your church, I am Yours in His Name.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

(By Mrs. Hattie R. Henderson.)

The District Conference and Sunday School, Varick Christian Endeavor and Missionary Convention convened in the Zion church at Newport, Tennessee, July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 4, 1918, of which Rev. J. H. Saunders is pastor. Rev. Saunders, Rev. Mrs. V. R. Robinson and congregation had made repairs on the church, which added considerably to the appearance of the building, both from within and without.

The meeting was opened in the forenoon of July 31st and closed Sunday evening, August 4th. Dr. E. M. Arygle, P. E. of the district, in his jovial way presided. Rev. W. M. Anderson, fraternal messenger of the Hendersonville district, was with us to assist and give inspiration.

Rev. I. H. Holston, of New Market, Tenn., preached the opening sermon from the text, Malachi 3:8, Will a Man Rob God?

Communion, the organization of the Conference. Rev. E. O. Cowan, secretary; Rev. Lovell, assistant secretary; reporter to the Star of Zion, Rev. G. A. Clark; Seer, Hattie R. Henderson; Timist, Rev. J. W. Henderson, marshal; Bro. Sevier McDowell, Hover, stewards; Postoffice messenger, Rev. P. H. Robinson.

Benediction.

2 P. M. Devotional exercises, Rev. W. M. Anderson, of the Hendersonville district, and Rev. W. A. Jackson, of the M. E. church, were introduced. Conference proceeded to collect personal taxation and church assessments, as programmed.

At 8 o'clock p. m., Rev. W. R. Lovell, pastor of Varick Chapel, Asheville, delivered a sermon from the subject, Cor. 1:9, Ye Are God's Builders. Rev. Lovell proved to be a master of his subject. Committee lifted $17.17. Welcome addresses as follows: A. M. E. Zion church, Mr. Jordon Garrett; M. E. church, Miss Beatrice Rhinehart; Dutch Bottom, Mr. David Miller; citizens, Rev. H. R. Dykes; behalf of white citizens, Judge W. O. Mims. Dr. Branch collected $2.15 for Greenville College.

Thursday, August 1, devotional exercises, roll call, continuation of claims.

11 A. M. Brother Walter Young, of West Asheville, preached his trial sermon, which was enjoyed by all present.

2 P. M. Devotional exercises, delegates' report and P. E. Arygle's annual address. Drs. Thompson, Lovell, Anderson and Cowan commended the splendid and discussed minutely the sacrifice and splendid work being done by our presiding elder.

Prof. J. W. Young, of Greenville College, was introduced.

Adjournment.

8 P. M. Rev. D. E. Thompson, pastor of Hopkins Chapel, Asheville, preached the educational sermon from the subject, "How to Achieve Nobly in Life," Joshua: 1:5, 6-9. Dr. Thompson preached a soul-stirring sermon, which touched the hearts of the people. Committee lifted $55 for Greenville College. The needs of Greenville College were beautifully illustrated by Prof. J. W. Young.

Friday, 11 A. M. a sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Anderson, pastor of South Side, Asheville, N. C. His sermon was inspiring and helpful and much enjoyed by all that were present.

Mrs. Hannah Argyle and Mrs. Boyd, of Maryville, Tenn., were introduced.

8 P. M. Rev. J. W. James, pastor of Weaverville N. C., preached an interesting sermon from Mat' 25:19, After a Long Time the Lord of Those Servants Cometh and Reckoneth with Them. At the close Bishop G. W. Clinton was introduced. The W. H. & F. M. presidents made their reports. Poem by Miss Cordelia Knox and Miss Beatrice Rhinehart. Remarks by Mrs. E. M. Argyle. Mrs. Sophia Wills, district president, came forward and lifted $40.15 for missions.

Sunday was a high day. 11 A. M., Bishop G. W. Clinton chose for his subject "Two Builders," Matt. 7:24-27: Therefore whosoever heareth sayings of Mine, etc. We are putting it mildly when we say he preached a powerful sermon. Collection, $41.

2 P. M. Rev. W. B. Grady, of Morristown, preached

from the subject, "The Day of Small Things." Collection, $8.46.

8 P. M. Rev. I. H. Holston preached from Tim. 4:7-8. Subject, "A Day of Reward." Loud "amens" were heard all over the house.

The Conference has advanced spiritually and financially. It is now the banner district, having raised $547.12. We closed to meet at Varick Chapel, Asheville, N. C., August, 1919.

"MOTHER'S BOY."

My boy has gone to France,
Who has just taken off his knee pants.
He still has that baby-like face,
No other boy could take his place;
With that gun upon his shoulder
Doesn't make him look any older.

I gave him up willingly,
He was all the boy I had.
That left no one at home
But I and dad.

That thrilling spot still left in my heart,
Whether I want it or not.
He is our boy, we love him dear,
And for his sake we try to cheer.

In those trenches he has lied
While I pray for God to guide,
God to guide him safely through,
Until there is nothing else to do.

His picture still hangs in our little cottage
On those faded walls.
I often look at it and wonder
If he will escape the balls
While thousands around him are fighting
Will struggle and fall.

Oh! we have no time for sadness,
Let joy take its place.
We give our boys up freely as an honor to our race.
We don't want the United States to be a slacker,
Waiting for the world to pack her.
We want her to stand and fight
As long as anything's in sight.

Good boys,
Be brave, faithful and true
And always remember
The Red, White, and Blue.

The above piece of poetry was composed by Mrs. Martha Baker, of Louisville, Ky. This good "War Mother" can neither read nor write her name. She has never attended a school. Therefore her poetic tendencies have never been developed. Yet, in the gloom of an uncultured mind she dreams of fight and victory and a greater freedom for her race—"Be brave, faithful and true."

BISHOP KILES ADDRESSES CONVENTION.

Dr. Wood Tells A. M. E. Zion Conference of Work in African Missions.

The third day of the A. M. E. Zion Convention opened yesterday morning with an address by the Bishop, Rev. L. W. Kiles, who talked on the mistakes common among preachers. His address was very helpful and interesting and among the points touched on were the necessity of the ministers being able to correctly take care of the ritualistic part of the services. He also discouraged the ministers from the use of the pulpit for personal gain and influence. He emphasized the need of personal religion, stating that the aim of all religion is to lift men up toward the supreme being and make them better.

Religion and the home, religion and the individual, religion and society were also discussed. Some of the evils of present-day society, he stated, were excessive drinking, social gambling, social lying, disloyalty to ideals and the standard of the church, carelessness and the loss of self-respect.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was taken up by reports and continued reports of conference work, which were very encouraging.

Evening Session.

The main event of the evening session was the lecture on Africa given under the auspices of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, by Dr. J. W. Wood. He spoke of the great resources of Africa, stating that 60 per cent. of the world's gold and 95 per cent. of the world's diamonds come from this continent. The total number of members of the society on that continent are 7,100. He told of the manner of life among the natives, stating that there were 840 different tribes and as many languages in that continent. The movement now on foot in the United States to raise $2,000,000 for African conversion was also discussed.

The other numbers on the program were:

Opening song, choir; scripture reading, Mrs. Sykes; prayer, Mrs. Brundy; selection, choir; address, Northern District, President Mrs. J. W. Holmes; address, Southern District, President Mrs. M. Walker; vocal solo, Mrs. McCall; address, Mrs. M. McEachen; address, Mrs. Bowles, Louisville, Ky.; selection, choir; address, Mrs. Wilson, Indianapolis, Ind.; humorous reading, Mrs. M. McEachen.

Saturday's Session.

At 10 a. m. today Dr. J. W. Woods will speak; at 3 p. m., the bishop, Rev. L. W. Kiles, will deliver an address, and in the evening beginning at 8 o'clock, H. M. Stovall will speak.

IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

No one who goes hunting for happiness finds it. For happiness is not a thing apart, like a lump of gold, to be sought for, coveted, hoarded. Happiness is the perfume of service, a subtle essence distilled from the acts of life. You can not grasp it with the coarse hands of passion, nor shred its delicacy between the

tecth of appetite. A beast may know content, a demon delight, but neither happiness.

He who would achieve happiness must forget what he would achieve. He must give himself to the service of others. For there is no happiness in getting, but only in giving. A hungry child fed by my bounty, a hard-pressed man relieved by my upheaving shoulder, a brier-bearing acre brought smiling into corn by my labor—I do not know by what alchemy their joy is translated into my soul; but there it is. Satisfaction I have, indeed, in eating, in rest, in ownership; but happiness, it waits not on what I receive, but on what I give.

Wherefore it is that Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Forget not to give thanks for the blessings from your heavenly Father which bring you content and pleasure; the rain that falls on the good and the evil alike; the protection and care that comes from a Christian state; the truth and power that the teachers of home and school and society proffer. Forget them not, nor the prime Giver. But if you would be more blessed, if you would enter the kingdom of the happy, then give.

To live in the pleasures of the senses, to stand forever before a vanity glass comparing with other fools your fat curves and bobbing plumes, is to become more wretched than any mortal has the right to be. The face is fairest that never sees its beauty; the heart is steadiest that never feels its pulse; the soul is truest that never knows its loyalty.

Knights-errant of heaven, the dutiful fare on to ever new adventures, unwearied servitors to their fellow men's necessities. And in the Last Day, the King shall say unto them, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. For inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

A CHALLENGE TO THE NATION'S MANHOOD.

More than a year ago the tones of the "Old Liberty Bell" rang in the hearts of loyal Americans from coast to coast, telling them that the same issues that challenged our forefathers in '76 were again at stake. Since that time the call to a nation's service has met a glorious response in the hearts and lives of more than a million of her young men. And what a wonderful transformation has taken place! Within this short space of time temporary cities have sprung up where those who have responded to the call for service are being trained for greater efficiency in meeting the crisis.

Great issues are at stake in the present struggle. The encroachments of a foreign foe have endangered the cause of liberty throughout the world, and it is upon the shoulders of the young men that the responsibility rests of deciding the issues which are hanging in the balance. Every loyal young American will want to give his best, his all, in a time like this, so that in the years to come there may be preserved to him and his posterity that right, that liberty, for which others have sacrificed and toiled.

The present hour is a challenge not only to the physical man, but also to the intellectual, the moral, and the spiritual powers. One of the nation's greatest needs is men of intellect and moral character that will enable them to exert a mighty influence in molding the nation's future. Then too, there comes to the young man of today, especially at the moment he lays his all upon the altar for his country's cause, the challenge of what personal relation he will sustain toward God. This is the supreme challenge, and one which every young American must face at some time or other in these hours of crisis.

SERVICE WITH GOD.

In the window of almost every American home may be seen a flag with one or more stars which tells a story of service. The family and the nation are proud to display this sign as an evidence that they are giving to mankind their powers, even if need be life itself. And not alone in battle, but in nursing, in farming, in manufacturing, in toil and sacrifice at home and abroad is this service given.

God is behind this principle of service. He himself serves us, works with us, making our crops to grow, beautifying our world, giving us life both here and hereafter. And when we give willing service, we are co-operating with God. In the first place, it is the love of God that inspires us to service. "The love of Christ constraineth us," says Paul. Loyalty, not alone to our government, but to our God, is shown in unselfish service.

It is God who gives power for service. Nowhere else can we find the moral strength to do our duty. Christ states it in few words: "Without me ye can do nothing." No matter where he may be, no matter what the trial or temptation, with Christ the Christian soldier can do all things efficiently and acceptably.

The consciousness of having been of service is part of the reward for service. It is said that Napoleon gave to his soldiers a medal upon which was inscribed, "I was there," and the name of a certain battle. Though of no great intrinsic value, this medal could not be purchased from those veterans. What a medal it will be for eternity that Christ gives to the veterans of his cause in the battle of Time: "I was there!" With that grand old warrior-saint, Joshua, let us today pronounce: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

LATEST NEWS OF WAR WORK.

AN ARMY AND NAVY CHURCH.

The Baptist Union Council of Great Britain and Ireland has decided to form a Baptist Army and Navy Church, from which men can be transferred at the close of the war to churches in their respective home districts. Forms of application and certificates of membership have been prepared and sent to Baptist chaplains. The constitution provides that the church shall include those serving in the forces at home or abroad who are already members of a Baptist church and others who desire to become members on the basis

of a declaration of repentence towards God, of faith in Jesus Christ, and a desire to follow Him and to do His will. Membership will be open to any candidates satisfying this requirement, though precluded by circumstances or conviction from making a profession of faith by baptism. A register will be kept of all who desire baptism as soon as opportunity permits.

"MRS N. M. MYREE IS DEAD."

(By Mrs. L. S. Blackledge.)

On Thursday, September 12th, death came to the home of the Rev. E. Myree, the pastor of Mt. Tabor of the Cahaba Conference and took from him his devoted and faithful wife. Mrs. Myree was a very faithful missionary worker of this Conference and was indeed a splendid woman of the very best type. We are sad because she is no more. She goes to return no more. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Peace to her ashes.

Selma, Ala.

A SUCCESSFUL MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

(By Miss Victoria Richardson.)

The first annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Salisbury-Winston district was held at Bethania, N. C., September 20-21-22. Rev. J. T. Tarboro, pastor.

On Friday, the day of opening, a heavy rain which lasted all day and a part of the night delayed the coming of many, but those present were cheerful and hopeful, believing that the clouds would soon be dispelled and that the convention would be a successful one.

Sure enough, on Saturday morning the sun shone forth in all its brightness and the words, "I told you so," could be heard here and there.

Saturday morning, the business of the convention was transacted and delegates from the three departments made their reports.

Dr. P. A. McCorkle, pastor of Goler Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, preached a soul stirring sermon at 2 o'clock.

On Sunday morning, the missionary women took active parts in the Sunday school, of which Mr. S. L. Miller is the very efficient superintendent.

At its close Rev. J. H. Lash filled the pulpit for Rev. Howie, who could not be present until afternoon. This was a very scholarly effort which deeply impressed his hearers.

After the sermon Mrs. Richardson, general secretary of the Young Women's Department, gave an interesting account of the meeting at Asheville. Mrs. Annie Hauser, president of the district, then delivered her annual address.

It was a splendid effort in which she emphasized all of the important phases of the work and made things clear which before had seemed vague. She laid special stress on the new drive to be launched, "The African Relief Campaign."

If the people of Bethania do not take up the work with renewed vigor and carry it to success, it will certainly not be the fault of the workers of the convention.

No better reception has ever been given to a convention anywhere than was tendered us by the good people of this church. And much praise is due Rev. Tarboro for the splendid manner in which the delegates were entertained. The members of the convention say that they will never forget the people of Bethania because of the delightful hospitality afforded them.

The first convention of the new district is but a forerunner of many successful ones which are to follow.

For financial results, which were encouraging, see general treasurer's report.

THE MISSIONARY SEER.

(By Rev. R. H. Simons, D. D.)

The Missionary Seer is certainly worthy of its name. We are "delighted" with this newsy and helpful missionary magazine. We commend you for the excellency of the Seer and the choice readable matter which it contains. I will send you an article as soon as possible for publication. We have at last purchased a church at the corner of F and Laura streets, Pensacola, Fla. The lot has two tenant dwellings on it. One will be used for a parsonage and the other for worship until we can build. The work in this conference is alive. Our Annual Conference convenes October 23rd. We shall look for you.

THE CHRISTIAN MISSION.

(By Rev. S. M. Avart, D. D.)

Dear Dr. Wood:

Allow us space for only a few words upon the subject of "Christian Missions." First, if we are not producing fruit we are not of Christ. Jesus said that "My Father is the Husbandman. I am the True Vine, ye are the branches." All branches must bear fruit or else they are plucked and cast into the fire and they are burned.

Second, the whole of the Christian church is a missionary society established by Jesus Christ himself for the salvation of sinners, yes, the world, and every Christian is a missionary. If not, he is not worthy of his Christian name and profession. Christian Mission means "go" night and day to the rescue of men. Just men, that's all—"Men."

Third, today is our opportunity to make our commission known, for we are the sons of God and it is our duty to represent the Cross of Calvary and take it to all nations of the world, and we must do it or report to God in the judgment the reason why. The duty of the church is to make the world Christian.

NOTES FROM LACKAWANA, N. Y.

(By. Mrs. Alice Ashburn.)

Dr. J. W. Wood, Editor of The Missionary Seer:

The work at this place is prosperous. We thank Bishop Blackwell for sending to us such a good man as the Rev. N. H. Bexley. Under his practical leadership we have done remarkably well. We have had glorious revivals and financial success during the year. Dr. L. L. Woods, of Elmira, N. Y., assisted us. We had fifteen converts and additions to the church. Whenever Bishop Blackwell comes the people turn out in great numbers. The amount of money raised on the occasion of his visit was $56.96. We are now preparing to raise $5,000.00 for a new church. When passing by call. We are only seven miles from Buffalo. The work is in fine condition.

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The A. M. E. Zion Church of San Jose, Cal., is now one of the best appointments in the California Conference, having been made so, however, in the last two years by Rev. W. J. J. Byers, D. D., pastor.

This beautiful new church building has just been completed at a cost of over $4,000, and is one of the few churches that has paid more than half of the total cost of building during the construction, there being only a balance of $1,600 due on the new building.

This is one of the oldest congregations in the Conference. But for some reason the work and general interest of the church had gone down to a very low ebb, until two years ago when the present pastor was appointed to take charge. He entered the field with this definite program in mind and begun at once to lay his plans for the successful execution of the same, and never let up until the work was accomplished.

San Jose is known as the garden city of California and is a very fine community for Colored people to live. Anyone who has in mind going to California to live should not locate without first visiting that most glorious section of the State and be encouraged, as they will, to take up residence there. It is a city of schools and colleges. This beautiful church stands facing the State Normal School with its most beautiful park grounds.

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Glimpses of Bright Stars—Personal Comments

There are many mottos used for our passports to Success, but best of them is "Do it now."

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We have one among the most beautiful little church buildings in the state of Arizona, located at Prescott, recently built by the Rev. J. W. Pollet. Congratulations are in order. Rev. Pollett is a faithful energetic pastor and a big success.

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Bishop Linwood W. Kyles is arranging to organize and build two new churches at Phoenix and Yuma, Ariz.

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The A. M. E. Zion Church grows by leaps and bounds on the Pacific Coast. Rev. Hugh M. Stovall, D. D., is the very efficient presiding elder. The people are wild over him because of his great interest in the work. He enters the race for manager of the Publication House.

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In this issue of the Seer we are talking about the boys out in the Far West. They deserve all that we may say about them, and more.

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We have a magnificent church building at Los Angeles, Cal., pastored by the Rev. J. E. McCorkle, D.D., formerly of Madisonville, Ky. Dr. McCall seems to be a perfect fit. The people are pleased with him. Prof. J. C. Banks and his good wife, Mrs. Maggie Hood Banks, are rendering acceptable service to the pastor and members of this splendid congregation.

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Will the good women of our church rally to the call of Mrs. W. A. Blackwell, corresponding secretary of the W. H. & F. Missionary Society and the Foreign Mission Board, for the $5,000 needed for the "African Relief Fund"? We should have the money in hand by December 20, We are expecting the hearty support of the W. H. & F. Missionary, societies, Sunday schools, the "Y's," the Buds and the V. C. E. societies throughout the connection. Raise your money and send it in to Mrs. Ida V. Smith, 1309 R. street N. W., Washington, D. C., before December 20th.

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The Rev. T. R. Simpson has built for us a magnificent Adoba church at Blythe, Cal., at a cost of $1,200 cash. The church is free of debt. Rev. Simpson is a faithful, hard-working pastor. He deserves the commendation of the brethren.

Rev. A. C. Yearwood, A. B., who has done faithful service at Redding and Fresno, Cal., is now stationed at Portland, Oregon. He is one of Zion's most successful pastors. Bishop Kyles is loud in praise of this most worthy young man. We wish for him continued success in all of his efforts for good.

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Rev. E. M. Clark, D.D., pastor of our beautiful church at Monrovia, is having phenomenal success. Dr. Clark is an able preacher, a hard-working and faithful pastor. Bishop Kyles is proud of him. Dr. Clark will make good at any place.

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Rev. A. L. Lightford, D. D., pastor of our magnificent church at San Francisco, Cal., is sweeping all before him. Rev. Lightford is a splendid pastor, great preacher, and a hard worker. The San Francisco church is perhaps the most beautiful church building on the coast, owned by any colored denomination. This church was built by the Rev. Dr. W. W. Watkins, who is now pastor of Old Ship, Montgomery, Ala. Rev. Lightford and his good wife are doing well at this point.

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The Rev. J. B. Holmes, D.D., is one of Zion's most progressive men. He is master of the situation at Oakland, Cal. Dr. Holmes is a splendid preacher and a safe pastor. He and his accomplished art are doing a most acceptable service among the people. We have a large congregation at this point. This congregation is progressive and full of church activities and the work goes on by leaps and bounds.

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The Rev. W. J. J. Byers, D.D., is one among the most active pastors on the Pacific Coast. He has completed one among the most beautiful churches in the California Conference. See front page of this paper. Dr. Byers and his people entertained the California Conference September 18, 1918. The members of the California Conference and the many visitors should never forget the unstinted hospitality of these good people and pastor. It was indeed an inspiring session and every provision was made for the care, comfort and entertainment of the members and friends of the conference.

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The Rev. T. Allen Harvey, Phd., stands out as one among the most brilliant stars of the Pacific Coast. He is pastor of our church at Sacramento, Cal., the capital of the state. The church is practically

new; it was built a few years ago by the Episcopalians. The congregation moved out for larger quarters and Dr. Harvey, with the assistance of Bishop Kyles and the brethren of the California Conference, was able to secure this most magnificent church. We have here a creditable membership and a good congregation. Great is T. Allen Harvey. The property is worth fourteen thousand dollars ($14,000).

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The Rev. S. A. Knox, our hustling pastor at Madera, Cal., is wide awake to every interest of the church. He is a worthy pastor and is doing a good work. He is highly represented by all of the people with whom he deals.

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If you wish to make a mark for yourself in the church as a young man, let us advise you to go West, where the opportunities are larger and full for service. We need young men in the West. The church is calling for you. See Bishop Kyles.

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One among the most pleasant young men in the West is the Rev. L. W. D. Henry, who is now pastor at McClaud, Cal. Rev. Henry is a No. 1 pastor and a promising young man. He has a great future before him and we believe he will make good. He presented a splendid report of his work at the conference.

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Rev. J. W. Harvey is now stationed at Prescott, Arizona. Rev. Harvey takes up the work where Rev. Pollett left off. Rev. Pollett is now at Fresno, and we bespeak success for both of these men, for both are worthy pastors.

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The Rev. C. L. J. Walls, the man with the "un," is one of our most successful pastors in the California Conference. He is a unique character, full of life and good will to all. We are proud of Rev. Walls. We shall not forget his big deeds and kindness to us while at San Jose.

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The Washington (Oregon) Conference was held at Portland, Oregon. Rev. W. I. Rowan, D.D., and his good people entertained the conference. The session was one of great profit and inspiration to the people. All of the sessions were well attended and the collections good. Rev. Rowan and his good people and the sister churches of the city deserve our thanks for their unstinted support in helping to make the conference a success. Rev. W. W. Howard, D.D., the presiding elder, has made for himself a great name in the management of the work of his district. Bishop Kyles is proud of Dr. Howard and the great work he is doing in Oregon.

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Among the good women who are doing commendable service for the church and the cause of both Home and Foreign Missions from Prescott, Arizona, to Portland, Oregon, are: Mesdames Minnie McEachen, Ida Kenedy, J. Kirk, Ida J. Lenox, J. E. Walker, Chainey Jones, H. Sykes, J. Andrews, J. Bishop, Katie Gray, Mrs. Harper, and others at Prescott. We regret that we are not able to give the names of all of the workers of our Zion on the Pacific Coast. Mrs. J. B. Holmes, of Oakland; Mrs. A. L. Lightford, of San Francisco; Mrs. I. W. Rowan, of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. J. H. Harvey, of Prescott; Mrs. Pollett, of Fresno; Mrs. T. H. Harvey, of Sacramento; Mrs. Byers, of San Jose; Mrs. Maggie Hood Banks, of Los Angeles, are among the strongest missionary workers on the coast. These good women will send in something to Mrs. Ida V. Smith, 1309 R street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for foreign missions by December 20.

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The Rev. B. G. Show, D.D., pastor of our great Metropolitan church at St. Louis, Mo., is the same big hearted and congenial hero of yore. He is master of pastorial theology. He knows how to succeed and bring things to pass. His congregation is as large, if not larger, than ever. He is sweeping on in grand style. We "delighted" to shake his hand in passing on to California.

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Mrs. Ola Martin and daughter Luverne, the wife and daughter of Dr. J. W. Martin, continues in good health and apparently happy. We called by to see them and found Uncle John and all the folks well and at home. Dr. Martin has a most beautiful home at 4416 West Bell Place, St. Louis, Mo.

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Dr. J. M. Gould, pastor of our fashionable congregation at Southern Pines, N. C., has a great future. He has had splendid success in all of his ministerial efforts and is destined to reach higher heights. He was the presiding elder of the district through which we were traveling. He will make a great presiding elder and no doubt Bishop Kyles has his eye on this good man. Watch him grow.

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Bishop J. W. Hood, D.D., of Fayetteville, N. C., one of the Bishop's of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (retired), is now very ill at his home. Let us pray for his continued health and comfort of mind and soul in his good old age of nearly ninety years. His good wife and children have our sympathy in this hour of their anxiety.

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We must carry about with us the atmosphere of Heaven, if we are to escape defilement from the atmosphere of earth.

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Is the world better or worse where I tread?
What have I done in the years that are dead?
What have I left in the way as I passed—
Foibles to perish, or blessings to last?

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Love is life, and they who do not love are not alive. But every soul that loves, lives in the heart of God and hears Him speak.

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Constant joy is the commanded duty as well as the promised privilege of a child of God, a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The interworking of the plans of God with the plans of men suggests the only true method of happy as well as holy living. It is to make our plans one with God's plans.

This is an imperial era in the history of the world. All doors of opportunity are wide open. Christ calls for high-souled men and women who will go with Him, not in the ignoble spirit of grudging service, but in the joyous spirit of full surrender.

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Life is knowing the will of God by proving it. It is daring to forget the transient, to scorn the passing, to "launch out into the deep," and to find in our obedience to God, all its meaning, reward, and the hope to which we shall come transformed.

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The more the loss of loved ones makes the world of today turn wistfully toward human survival, the more shall its mere possibility inspire our endeavor to bring all earth achievement into better connection with eternity.

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All things have to be done, but they can only be done through Christ that strengtheneth us. It is so great, so entirely beyond us, that here, as always, it is just in facing facts that seem to be the hardest that we find the secret of success.

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The Chrisian cheats his own soul out of happiness and growth by sinning. Sin dwarfs and stunts every godlike trait in our nature. Christian life is a development, an evolution, but sin arrests this development. It brings about spiritual disfigurement. It makes a cripple out of God's child.

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The true missionary cares little for what the ranks of the evil one think, or what they say of him, so long as he can look up into the face of the Lord Eternal, and hear His voice and see His smile.

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We are living, we are dwelling, in a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling: To be living is sublime.
Oh! let all the soul within you for the truth's sake go abroad.
Strike! let every nerve and sinew tell on ages, tell for God.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORT—A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

Every person, delegate or otherwise, who was interested in the last General Conference, Louisville, Ky., 1916, or is interested in the next General Conference, Knoxville, Tenn., should purchase a copy of the "Bird's Eye View of the Louisville General Conference, with Observations on the Progress of the Colored People of Louisville," by Rev. Jacob W. Powell, 218 Broadway, Malden, Mass., Lay Delegate to that Conference, President of the Sunday School Union of the New England Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and Associate Pastor Columbus Avenue A. M. E. Zion Church, Boston. Contents of the book: Preface—Life sketch of Author from "Kentucky Reporter."

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"NEWS FROM THE FIELD."

(By Rev. D. W. Bell, B. D.)

Dr. J. W. Wood,
Editor Missionary Seer.

I am sure that you will allow me space for a few words. Our church at Cleveland, Ohio, is going forward in good shape and the year shall mean much to our Zion. Under the direction of His Holy Spirit we have raised $5,000 and added one hundred members to the church this year. Thus you see that Zion is a fact in the sixth city of the country. Trusting that you are pressing forward and your department in good shape. Cleveland, Ohio.

THE SALISBURY DISTRICT—PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

(By Rev. J. S. Share, Presiding Elder.)

My Dear Dr. Wood: The Seer is a blazing light; it Sees for us all. The Salisbury District is wide awake to every interest of the church. We are succeeding nicely; the boys are pushing the battle to the gate. I have organized one more mission in Baltimore, Md., the tide is high and the work is in good shape. I shall remain in the trenches for a while and shell the forts of the enemy until he gives ground for God and Zion. 1920 is not far away. You will be elected Bishop by a large majority. This is the news that comes to us from the East, West, North and South. Two Bishops, in my opinion, will be elected. Dr. Wood is the first choice of the church, and then the battle will be between Dr. P. A. Wallace and someone else. I am with you. Salisbury, Md.

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Why should we worry? For
Life is a leaf of paper white
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two, and then comes night.

As for man his days are as grass, as a flower of the field. So he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Our plans and expectations are all for permanency. We live and labor and love and strive as though the years were endless. But do you know the facts of experience are all against us? From infancy to old age, and those about us are constantly receiving the final summons.

Our errand to California was purely in the interest of the church and the Department of Foreign Missions. To begin with we are free to confess that the trip to the Pacific would not have been made had it not been for the earnest solicitation of Bishop Linwood W. Kyles, of the 7th Episcopal District, who said that the church and the department of which you are the head is calling for your presence and your being a general officer it is expected that you should at this time answer the call of the people in the far west who have never had the presence of a general officer. "And you must go." We accepted the invitation, we must confess with some reluctance. We do not think that we have lost anything by going, but on the other hand we have gained the more. Our trip was made, associating Bishop Kyles from St. Louis, Mo., via Sante Fe railway. We returned via the Union Pacific. The trip from Kansas City, Mo., over the S. F. route was free of thrilling experiences, especially as we passed through portions of Colorado, Mexico and Arizona. Our first stop was made at Prescott, Ariz., where we have a beautiful brick church built by the Rev. J. W. Pollett. He deserves great credit for giving to our Zion such a magnificent building. Our stay at this interesting point was full of interest and pleasure. Here a gold mine is operated by a company of colored men. The outlook of the gold mining project is indeed promising and if carefully conducted will be an honor to the promoters, as to the race. From this point we sallied out for Blythe, Cal., via Phoenix, Ariz. This is the capital city of the state. He, Bishop Kyles, has determined to plant our church. A minister has been appointed there with instructions to purchase a lot in a desirable place for a church building. Five hundred dollars has been appropriated from the California Conference as the first installment. Bishop Kyles is anxious to erect a church at Yuma, Ariz., where our people from the south are settling in large numbers. This section of Arizona is perhaps the richest cotton section in the United States. These lands are irrigated by the government, the owners paying a fixed yearly tax for the stream passing through their farms. Wealth—my! I never saw such wealth in all my life, so far as it relates to the fruitage of the land. This is the place for a great number of our people to go and settle down for life. From Phoenix we went to Blyth, Cal., where we have another newly built church. Rev. A. R. Simpson is the pastor. This new adobe church has just been completed, 30x40, at a cost of $1,200.00, all paid for. Blythe is a canning place. It abounds in alfalfa, corn, maize and cotton. People get $5.00 per hundred for picking cotton. The cotton pickers are from the south, a large percent of them are from North Carolina and make $7.00 to $12.00 per day picking cotton. Small two room adobe huts rent for $10.00 to $15.00 per month. Bishop Kyles will invest in real estate at this place and will build several houses for rent. This is a great place for a man of small means who would like to get "rich quick." Land is hard to get. They do not care to sell it to strangers. From Blythe our next stop was Oakland. Here we have a beautiful church and a good congregation, pastored by Rev. B. J. Holmes. Rev. Dr. Holmes is a splendid man. He and his efficient and accomplished wife are making things "hum" for our Zion. The city is one of beauty, situated eastwardly across the Golden Gate Bay from San Francisco. Our people are doing well here, as well as other places on the coast, and yet there are three thousand of them who are indifferent as to their future. They live in a kind of a "come day, go day, God send Sunday" way. Whatever way this is they live. We rejoice, however, that our people in many sections are making good. Then on to San Francisco. Here we met Rev. A. L. Lightford and his good and faithful wife. They were busy as could be, he preparing for the conference. They are doing well and the good people pleaded for his return to this most beautiful of all of our Zion churches on the coast. Los Angeles is another point of great importance. This church is pastored by the Rev. J. E. McCorker, formerly of the West Kentucky Conference. Dr. McCorker is making remarkable progress and the people are with him at all times. We are proud of our

church building and church property at Los Angeles. A good, large, beautiful church and much rental property. Any man who loves God and will do right can do well at this place. Now then back to "Frisco." From here we went to San Jose, Cal., to attend the California Conference. I must confess that I was actually surprised beyond measure to meet such a fine looking set of men and women. And money? They had it for every call of the general church and they gave it freely. If these men are encouraged this will make "Rome howl" in the interest of our Zion. They are a hard working set of faithful men and women and we are proud of them. The California Conference, which has just closed, was the best ever held on the coast. There were other places in the California Conference that we visited. Among them were McCloud, Monrovia, Hanford, Modesto, Madera, Fresno and Pazo Robles. The Rev. H. M. Stocall, D. D., the presiding elder of the California Conference, joined us at Blythe, Cal., and accompanied us to every important charge in the California Conference. Dr. Stovall is a worthy minister of the Gospel and is a helpful asset to the California Conference. Our new Zion church at Sacramento, the capital city of California, is a beautiful frame building worth $14,000.00. I accompanied Bishop Kyles to Sacramento when he went there to close the deal and make the first payment, $1,000.00 cash, and the balance in 15 years. It is the first colored church building in the city. Great credit is due Dr. T. Allen Harvey and his good wife for the establishment of this church. Harvey is a hustler and is destined to make good anywhere. We are off for Portland, Ore., to hold the Washington-Oregon Conference, which was held in the A. M. E. Zion church, Portland, Ore. The session was very pleasant and largely attended by the good people of the city. Dr. Raven and the good people deserve credit for their excellent entertainment of the Conference. This Conference is the baby conference of the connection. It has the following appointments: Portland, Redding, Walla Walla and Washington Mission. Rev. W. W. Howard, D. D., is the presiding elder and Rev. A. C. Yearwood and Rev. J. L. N. Bell are the pastors in this Conference. Bishop Kyles has done a great work on the coast within 8 years. Six new churches and seven or eight new erganizations. He is admired and highly respected by all of the people regardless of race or color or denomination. People gather in large numbers to hear him and they listen with profit to his words of wisdom and advice.

"BRIEFLETS FROM THE FIELD."

NOTES FROM THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

(By Madam Mary L. Coglin.)

Editor of The Missionary Seer:

Please accept these few lines for publication.

Presiding Elder F. R. Bignon is no more. He departed this life August 3, 1918, in the full triumph of faith. He leaves a widowed wife and three children, all girls, Annie, Rosa, and Essa, and a little granddaughter, Ruth, and a mighty host of friends to mourn their loss. May we say to the host of readers of the Missionary Seer that we have lost a great and good man. He served as presiding elder in this conference for over sixty years. He was a great preacher and a lover of our Zion. He is no more. Asleep in Jesus, blessed sheep, from which none ever wake to weep. Peace to his ashes.

MISSIONARY SUPPLY CALL.

(By Mrs. T. E. Hazzard.)

I.

Come, come, you and I,
Let us join our Missionary Supply;
Let's get in touch with Miss Martha Hill Browne
And circle around all over Zion,
Our Missionary Supply, you and I.

II.

Come, come, you and me,
Let's sing the gospel o'er land and sea,
And to foreign creatures we extend a helping hand,
To our sisters and brothers across the sea,
You and me.

III.

Come, come, all of us,
Let's do the best we can;
Let's help those who need our help
Across the foreign lands,
You and me.

THE RECENT REGISTRATION DRAFT.

(By Prof. D. C. Suggs, President Livingstone College.)

There are so many mistaken ideas prevalent about the recent registration of young men from 18 to 21, especially as it affects their attendance in school, that I deem it wise to issue this letter. Answering the numerous inquiries relative to military training in Livingstone, I beg to advise that arrangements have been made, and military instruction will be given in Livingstone this year by a well-trained and thoroughly competent officer of the United States army.

Young men in the recent draft should enter school at once, join the military organization and prepare themselves for service should they be called.

The policy of the government, however, is, not to disturb students in school any more than is absolutely necessary.

To be in school means to secure your education at the same time you are taking your military training. Should you then be called you have the advantage not only of literary training but military as well that would put you in line for consideration for official rank.

The idea entertained by many that the government is to furnish board, lodging and equipment free, and pay the student thirty dollars per month is a great mistake. Students should come prepared to pay their own expenses. If they are accepted in the United States army, they will then be given these benefits, but not before.

Board and lodging in Livingstone are only ten dollars per month. School opens October 2. All students desiring to take advantage of this special arrangement should be present on the day of opening or as soon thereafter as possible.

NOTICE, ATTENTION!

To all of our local presidents, vice-presidents of the W. H. & F. M. Societies, "Y's" and Buds throughout the connection, you are called upon to assist the Department of Foreign Missions in raising $5,000.00 African Relief Fund by Dec. 20th. We are depending upon you. If you fail us, we will not be able to send Bishop Church and our missionaries to Africa in January, 1919. Therefore in the name of God and suffering we plead with you to do your best for us at this. We have appealed also to the Sunday schools and the V. C. E. Societies to give us a liberal free offering for this cause. If these societies and congregations fail to furnish the money, then Bishop Clement and our missionaries cannot go to Africa as scheduled. Please support us in this holy effort. The church in Africa and its needy membership is calling. Will you answer? Say, friend of Jesus, will you answer?

GERMANY SHOULD LOSE HER COLONIES.

One of the perplexing questions to be settled at the close of this war is the disposition of the colonies which were formerly held by Germany. The present state of feeling among the allies is that not one of these colonies should be returned. Can this feeling be supported by facts? It is tradition that Germany is not successful as a colonizer. Is that tradition in accordance with the history of her colonial experiments?

We are now getting some of the facts. Recently there was issued "The Report of the Natives of Southwest Africa and Their Treatment by Germany," by Mr. E. H. M. Gorges, administrator of the conquered territory, for the Union of South Africa. This brings before us most terrible exposures of German brutality, treachery and immoralty. We have become all familiar with the shameful atrocities in Europe during the war. Here is a narrative dealing with the provinces, covering the years 1890-1914, which should fill any human being with disgust. In this connection we should not forget that Solf, whose name is now known in this country, was the German colonial secretary.

A few items selected from this report will suffice. The first German Governor in 1893 attacked an encampment of the peaceful Hottentot chief at Hornkranz and slaughtered all the sleeping men, women and children who could not escape. A little later, a German Governor by the name of Trotha confiscated the cattle of the Herero people, famous as cattle breeders. Not content with this, he seized their sacred cattle, which were inalienable by tribal law, and, with the same indecency which we now recognize as a German characteristic, desecrated the sacred burial place by cutting down the grove and turning the place into a vegetable garden.

A policy of extermination was adopted. According to the official report, "the natives were reduced almost to a state of slavery, families even being separated to suit the convenience of employers. Their women were habitually maltreated by the Germans, who took them into forced concubinage. They were, in the end, deliberately goaded into rebellions which were suppressed with deliberate and ruthless cruelty and which resulted in the practical extermination of the tribes involved." For example, according to the German census, in seven years (1904-1911), the population of the Hereros had been reduced from 80,000 to 15,100 and the Hottentots from 20,000 to 9,800.

From the report is selected this particularly shocking incident: Trotha and his staff halted one day near a hut where an old woman was digging for wild onions. A zealous soldier jumped off his horse and shot her through the forehead at point blank range. Thinking that she would beg for mercy, he said before he fired, "I am going to kill you." She simply looked up and replied, "I thank you." The Germans drove the Hereros into the bush and then poisoned the water holes. When at length they deemed that the time had come to make peace with the pitiful remnant of the race, they sent a few thousands down to Luderitzbucht where, as one of the chiefs described it, "they died like flies that had been poisoned from the wet sea-fogs." The German court records, with photographs and other indisputable evidence reproduced in the Blue Book, have shown not only the brutality of the government and their local administrators, but also the cruelty of the German settlers who agreed to the principle that the natives had no right to live.

The British are unanimous in their determination that these colonies shall not revert to the Germans. A leading London journal says: "We care not who may be chosen to guide the destinies of these peoples, now liberated by the allies, so long as they are freed forever from the loathsome domination of Berlin." How any true American who is fighting to make the world safe for democracy can come to a different conclusion it is not easy to imagine.—Indianapolis Star.

WE ARE SUCCEEDING—"MY HAT IN THE RING."

(By Rev. G. H. Williams, D. D.)

Dr. J. W. Wood, Editor of the Missionary Seer:

I am writing just a word to let you and the general know that we are succeeding at Johnstown, Pa., in the good old usual way. The spiritual and financial condition of my church is in splendid shape. Please announce through the columns of the Seer that my hat is in the "ring" for corresponding secretary of Foreign Missions. It may be a little hard for you to make this announcement but do it "anyhow," for we are going to elect you bishop in 1920 on the first ballot and some good man will take your place. Tell the church that P. H. Williams is after the position.

Johnstown, Pa.

The special feature of the anniversary number to raise money to pay off the church debt of long standing. "We congratulate Pastor Robinson for his wonderful ability to handle the situation with wonderful success."—Ed.

BUSY! BUSY!! BUSY!!!

(By Rev. A. Joseph Gorham, D. D.)

Dear Dr. Wood, Editor of The Seer:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of yours of recent date requesting an article for the Seer. Really I have not had the time to write. I have been going morning till night from Sunday to Sunday hard at it for the success of the district and more the Kingdom of Christ.

My district is in a splendid condition, but the boys are rounding up their work for the conference year. Every interest of the church lines and every department of the church will get its share of assessment for our conference. Accept my congratulations upon the splendid record that you have made as editor of the Seer and as corresponding secretary of missions. I have from the very beginning been an uncompromising advocate of yours for the position you now hold and for the position you now seek and will remain so until the fight is over and you are elected bishop in 1920. You have many friends and don't forget you have some enemies who will show their copper-heads in due time. They will rise up to defeat you, therefore you must build and continue to build afresh the fires to win in the coming race. Don't go to sleep on your job. For while they slept the enemy sowed the seed. A stitch in time saves nine.

Everything that shines is not gold; neither is it a diamond. Some whom you think are for you when the time comes you will find against you. Watch, work, fight and pray and if God is for you you have a big majority on your side. I am for Wood, first, last and all the time. Only small units of each annual conference will be able to reach the general and those who are for you may be left out, and those who may be against you will be sent and they will use their filth and ways to defeat a worthy Christian who is well prepared for the work he seeks to do. May I say again, watch your enemies, for they will show their hand after a bit. But in spite of all, you will be elected in 1920 if God is willing and men are just. Keep praying, trust God and all will be well.

Elizabeth City, N. C.

GEOLOGY AND THE DELUGE.

(George McCready Price.)

Almost every large city throughout the civilized world has its museum, in which we find a more or less varied collection of fossils. Some of the specimens may be fossil seashells, found in the rocks on some mountain top, or corals or sea-lilies found in some equally strange place, it may be a mile or two above the sea level. Or some may be beautiful ferns or forest leaves dug up from half a mile or more down in the ground, perhaps underneath rocks containing corals or deep-sea shell fish. Almost every museum, too, contains mounted skeletons of strange, unearthly looking animals, the bones of which were perhaps found in some rocky bed packed so thickly together that car load after car load could be removed without appreciably diminishing the supply. Often there are specimens of magnolias, grape vines, or other semi-tropical vegetation that have been found away within the arctic circle, or bones of elephants and other warm climate animals found also in some frozen region about as far north as explorers have ever gone.

Monuments of Dead Ages.

Everybody knows of these specimens of other ages; for the whole earth is in fact a vast graveyard. Its rocks are tombstones, on which the buried dead of some time long past have written an epitaph recording their own death and burial. Much more truly can it be said of the lower animals than of man, that,

"All that tread
The globe are but a handful to the tribes
That slumber in its bosom."

The great question is, How are these fossils buried in the strange tell-tale places in which we find them? Take the case of bivalve sea-shells that I have just been examining, found several hundred feet high on a mountain side in southern California. Undoubtedly they once lived at least as many feet down in the ocean, for they naturally require clear, pure water, free from the washings of mud or sand. How did they get where they were found? If the ocean were to rise to the required height now, it would cover the greater part of the State of California; or if the land were to sink down, a similar result would follow. How did these sea creatures get there? or better, How did the water happen to go down or the land to go up so as to leave them there high and dry?

The study of how to answer these questions, the study of the past of our old earth from the rocky record of nature's diary written while the events were transpiring, makes the science of geology. It is a wonderful study, full of many strange and astonishing disclosures; but with it all there are many difficulties in reading correctly the records of how the earth changes took place. It is a difficult science, because one needs more than an elementary knowledge of nearly all the other sciences before he is prepared to get much good out of the study of geology.

An Ill-Born Science.

In passing, it may be well for us to note the curious fact that all the chief theories of geology as now taught were formulated a hundred years or more ago, or long before the chief facts of the other sciences, such as chemistry, zoology, meteorology, and oceanography, were known. So many wonderful discoveries and radical changes of theories to fit these new discoveries have been made in recent years in all these other sciences, that it seems very strange that geology (in its theoretical aspects) has remained so nearly stationary all these long years. To those already inclined to question the theories of geology as commonly taught, it seems incredible that this science, the one above all others dependent upon the accurate results of all the other sciences, should thus by some happy chance spring into existence full grown long in advance of the others, and need so little adjustment or revision of its leading theories thereafter. In their minds the suspicion is quite naturally aroused that there must be something wrong with it; and they ask, Is it a remarkable instance of perfection from the beginning, as Minerva is said to have come full grown from the head of Jove? Or is it not rather a sad case of cretinism or arrested development?

But there must be a true science of geology. Surely if we can read aright the record of the death and

burial of these once living things which we now exhibit as fossils in our museums, we shall thereby solve the problem of the former history of our world. In fact, the key to the whole question of our origin and the origin of the world lies in the way in which we interpret these rocky records. Have we, of the human race, evolved by natural process from the lower animals during the long-drawn-out aeons of time? Or were we created as stated in the Bible, in a manner wholly different from the manner in which we and the world around us are now being sustained? Was it just commonplace, every-day causes which produced the remarkable changes in the land and water and in the climate of the globe which we find recorded in the rocks? If so, what untold ages of time it must have taken, for there seems no perceptible progress toward any such changes in our modern quiet earth.

On the latter supposition, we could no longer believe in a literal creation as recorded in Genesis, but some form of biological evolution would seem reasonable in order to connect together the successive forms of life which this view of geology tells us lived on the earth one after another through millions and millions of years. And so we might continue to believe in evolution somehow, even though we might never be able to show just how the details of it took place, that is, even though we should never be able to show how one kind of animal or plant could develop into a different kind.

Was There a Flood?

But on the other hand, Might it not have been the flood that buried these living things and turned them into fossils? If we adopt this explanation, the flood must have been a vastly more extensive affair than is generally supposed; for these ancient graveyards of the sea are found in every part of the globe, and the beds of rock thus made are in many places a mile or more in thickness. Absolutely every square mile of the earth's surface must have been affected in one way or another. What an awful churning up of the land and water must have taken place when "all the fountains of the great deep (the ocean) were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened!" No wonder the Scriptures say, "The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished."

Evolutionary geology, or the deluge,—these are the two alternatives before the thinking people of our modern world, though for nearly two generations unbelieving scientists, supported by theological sympathizers advocating a "liberal" theology imported from Germany, have tried their best by ridicule and every unfair misrepresentation to rule the Bible explanation of a universal deluge entirely out of court. To such a degree has this conspiracy of silence or of open travesty and ridicule been carried, that the hypothesis of a universal deluge, as a complete and effective answer to the claims of evolution, has not had a sober and candid hearing in the world at large for over half a century. Skeptical scientists and "liberal" theologians have had nothing but ridicule for the suggestion that the fossil-bearing strata should be used as contemporary vouchers to confirm the first chapters of Genesis. And they would like to have our modern age forget that up to about 1830 a universal deluge as the cause of the geological changes was believed in by many of the most illustrous geologists of the world, keen-eyed, scholarly men, who were as familiar with all the fundamental facts of the science as we are today, and who could probably see as far into the logic of a scientific problem as any one.

Modern Magi.

But the arguments of the latter were overruled. Elaborate speculations became fashionable as to how the land and water might have exchanged places in the past, a little at a time, since these views were advocated by clever writers who had all their expenses paid by the government. In fact all the governments of the civilized world soon organized geological surveys, the well paid officials of which became enthusiastic missionaries teaching the evolutionary view of geology throughout the world, the entire expenses of this propaganda being paid by the various governments. Thus far about 1830 the Bible view of a universal deluge went into eclipse, which soon became total; and for more than a generation this view has never been mentioned in any scientific work in any language without ridicule and affected amusement.

It is true that there has been in recent years a revival of the idea of a flood or a deluge as having happened to the race in its early days. All modern scientists, in fact, profess to believe that there was a flood; but they strictly limit its scope and confine its action to a small part of Asia or of Europe, so as to involve merely the small district around the early home of the human race. And the advocates of this view do not agree among themselves. For while Professor Suess claims to find evidence of such a deluge around the valley of the Tigris and Euphrates and the Persian Gulf, Prestwich involves the lands around the Mediterranean basin, Wright finds abundant evidences of the same catastrophe eastward to China, and Howorth would spread it out over the greater parts of Northern Europe and of North America. But their arguments prove more than any one of them meant; for if they were consistently applied elsewhere, they would extend this catastrophe around the globe.

JEWISH REPUBLIC IN HOLY LAND IS NEAR REALIZATION.

After 2,000 years of exile, it is now almost certain that a Jewish government will be established in Palestine. When General Allenby, at the head of his victorious army, carried the Union Jack into the Holy City last December, a dream of twenty centuries became possible. On the hills of Zion a Jewish civilization, with something of its old moral and intellectual vigor, may once more come into being. Already an Administration Commission of Hebrews is at work restoring the country for that race.

This administrative commission's aim is to bring back the life of the Jewish colonies in Palestine to their flourishing pre-war conditions. One of its most important projects is the immediate founding of a Jewish university.

Migrate to Palestine.

The story of the return to Palestine of the Jews during the last forty years is as amazing as that of our Pilgrim fathers and in many ways, a remarkable parallel to it. This migration, too, was born of perse-

cution. The first great series of massacres of Jews in Russia began in 1882. Scores of thousands of them fled to America. A few turned toward Palestine.

Every great movement of the Jewish tribes has had its prophets and leaders. The Moses of the modern Zionist movement was Theodore Herzl. The Joshua of the Jews today is Dr. Chaim Weizman, president of the administrative commission. He is a chemist. He was born in Russia, but later became a British subject. Early in the war Great Britain lacked a certain combination of chemicals for making explosives. Weizman, in his laboratory, worked out that combination. He acquired a reputation and made influential friends. Balfour was one of them. Thus championed, the Jewish aspirants moved into the realm of practical politics.

Land Miraculously Developed.

The pioneers in Palestine in 1878 farmed a land that was arid, barren, full of miasma, and surrounded by hostile tribes. These first immigrants were professional men. They knew nothing of agriculture; yet they reconquered the land for their race.

Within a generation, this land of desolation was the home of 15,000 Jewish farmers organized in cooperative societies. Towns began to develop. The Jewish population in Jerusalem grew from a handful to 60,000.

Zionist Troops in War.

The devoted Zionists of Palestine have taken part in actual warfare. They are now fighting among entente troops for the cause of democracy as valiantly as any soldier.

One organization of Jewish soldiers played a part in the glorious, but ill-fated, Gallipoli campaign. This force, known as the Zion Mule Corps, was organized from among those Jews who were compelled to flee from Palestine at the outbreak of the war because they refused to become Ottomon subjects.

Out of this Zion Mule Corps has grown the Jewish Legion, organized in America, England and Canada from among Jews who, for one reason or another (except physical), are ineligible to the draft in the country of their residence. Fifteen hundred have already gone to Palestine from America, and they have joined at the front the Jewish regiment which was organized in London, and which has already received its baptism of fire somewhere north of Jaffa. Other contingents are preparing to go from America and still others from Canada. They are giving their utmost to speed the day when the blue and white flag of Zion, with the six-cornered star of David in the center, will float proudly among the flags of the free nations.

SAW WOOD—BE SURE—MAKE GOOD.

(By Rev. J. C. Laramore, D.D.)

Editor The Missionary Seer: We congratulate you upon giving to our Zion a most worthy magazine. The Seer is better now than ever. You have made good and your department is a thing of reality, and the cause of Christ is being benefited. I have been hard at work to bring up my district. I am interested in the church and I want to see her go, and I am doing my best to bring it from a low ebb to higher heights. Saw wood—Be sure—Make good, for Alabama is determined to robe you a Bishop in 1920. All is safe for you here. I have the highest regards for you. I think of no two men in the church as I do you and Bishop Clinton. Not that I think less of my own bishop, but I just like you two men. Saw wood and make good. Union Springs, Ala.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

(By Rev. J. L. Black, D.D.)

Dear Dr. Wood: Tell it down the line that we are making great preparation for the entertainment of the General Conference in 1920.

My object is to start in time, so I won't be in a hurry. We are looking forward. You know my position. We are all with you. The Seer was never better. Your record shines bright, and still brighter as the days come and go. We see no reason why you should not go up. Be insistant in prayer that the Lord will help you in your supreme effort to reach the top. I wonder who it is that is mean enough to do his best to pull you down. Just wait, they will turn up in due time. Knoxville.

LETTERS FROM OUR AFRICAN STUDENTS.

(No. 1—By Walter K. Dolly.)

Dr. Wood: I take this method of showing to you my gratitude toward you and family for the things sent me by Bishop and Mrs. Alstork. I like them. They are fine. I ask your prayers for our success in our school work. Thanking you for what you have done for me while here. I am going to make something of myself. I am going to try to not make you ashamed of me, while in school and after I am out. Where is Dr. Shaw. I have not heard from him but once since being in this country. I am here with Bishop and Mrs. Alstork, spending a vacation. They are so nice to me. I shall never forget them for their kindness to me. I ask your prayers for our future life. Montgomery, Ala.

GRATITUDE.

(Letter No. 2—By Beresford Cole.)

Dr. J. W. Wood: My dear Sir—I am well at this time and I hope that you are the same. I am getting on nicely, spending a very pleasant vacation, as you already know, with Bishop and Mrs. Alstork. I appreciate much the things you sent me, hence these few lines expressing my gratitude to you and yours for your kindness. Hoping you much success in your work. Montgomery, Ala.

OFF TO COLLEGE.

(Letter No. 3—By Charlie Accolatse.)

My Dear Dr. Wood: I have been a busy boy this summer, working to replenish myself with clothing for this winter. I appreciate the good things done for me by Mother Smith. She is the embodiment of goodness and a kind mother to me. I am off to college and I shall do my best to make you feel proud of me. When have you heard from my father?

I am looking forward to the end of my school days so I can be of service to my people at home. My desire is to be both a teacher and minister of the gospel. Pray for me. I am your boy Charlie.

Livingstone College.

"THE SEER IS MY HELP."

(By Mrs. Minnie Skinner.)

Dr. Wood. Editor of The Seer: Let me tell you this: The Missionary Seer has been all the help to me. We shall continue to help you in the great work that you are doing for the Master. I can not tell you of the many blessings that I have received from the Lord. I am in sympathy with you in your struggles to give to Zion a real missionary department. The secret of success is found in understanding the mysteries of the gospel and doing good to everybody. You will make a worthy Bishop and the entire church, both men and women, are working and praying for your election, that you may be a greater blessing to the foreign work and especially to Africa. If you must go to Africa soon, I pray the Lord to go with you. I am yours in the cause.

Boston.

THE TUSCALOOSA DISTRICT.

(By Mrs. A. L. M. Hall.)

The Tuscaloosa District Conference Sunday School and V. C. E. Convention met Wednesday, August 21, at A. M. E. Zion church, Castle Hill. The Rev. G. S. Hill is the pastor. All members and delegates of the convention were present at roll call.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the presiding elder, Dr. T. R. Gaines, after which the convention was organized by electing the following officers: Rev. J. S. Hill, secretary; Rev. W. J. Coleman, chairman of the finance committee; Rev. A. L. Green, marshal; Mrs. A. L. M. Hill, reporter to the Missionary Seer; Mrs. Lelia Jackson, reporter to the Star of Zion; after which the appointment of committees. Prof. J. W. Eichelberger was present and made one of the best speeches we ever heard. The people said we never had a man speak like this man before. He told us of the S. S. work and spoke of every department of the church. A vote of thanks was tendered him for his most timely and excellent address. Many subscribers for the S. S. Bulletin. Rev. A. L. Green preached an able sermon on Wednesday evening. During the session delegates were called upon to make their reports. Most of them reported progress for their churches and asked for the return of pastors. Dr. H. R. Gaines, of the Greensboro district, came in and brought words of good cheer. We were glad to see him. Rev. Ruffin preached a noble sermon. All were pleased with it. Another good sermon by the Rev. G. L. Hudson. Friday was a great day for the S. S. All reports were encouraging for this department of the church. We were glad to shake hands with Rev. S. L. Peterson. He preached a great sermon for us. The real big time of the convention was Friday night. The women had everything in hand and they made a big hit for Jesus and the cause of missions. More than forty women were in procession dressed in white carrying a piece of evergreen, indicating that the cause of Christ will live forever. Mrs. A. L. M. Hill presided. A splendid program was rendered. Mrs. Rhoda Woods, Mrs. Julia Jackson, Mrs. Alberta Hogan and Mrs. A. B. Edwards rendered specially prepared addresses. Good music furnished by Mrs. A. B. Edwards. Rev. Ward preached the missionary sermon. Papers were read by Mrs. Clara Steel, Mrs. L. A. Vamplose, Mr. O. A. Allen and Rev. Coleman. Sunday at 11 A. M. Dr. H. R. Gains preached a wonderful sermon. The closing sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Brinkly. Rev. Brinkley was given the S. S. salute for his wonderful work. He leads the district in special work. This ended one of the most successful conventions of the district. Everybody is praising the good name of our presiding elder, Dr. Gains. Rev. G. S. Hill and his good people deserve our highest praise and thanks for their excellent care of the convention.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

BETHLEHEM, N. H.

(By Miss Imogene Andress.)

We are now at Bethlehem. The surroundings are beautiful and I am making good use of my camera. The air is wonderfully refreshing and makes one feel as if he was living. I am taking in the picturesque mountain scenery as I pass on through the wonderful forests of New Hampshire. The evenings are lovely. I see the most beautiful northern lights of my life. They would remind one of a fading rainbow after a mighty storm, and the moon looks as if resting on the top of the mountains. Well, so much for that. I have just received my August issue of the Missionary Seer, and I am enjoying its contents. I find it especially interesting. You are a splendid editor and well fitted for anything the church can give you. I want to congratulate you once again for the great knowledge you have of our African work, which you so freely give to your many readers and admirers. I look forward to the coming of the Seer with great pleasure; and when it comes I am not disappointed. I am deeply interested in the work and I hope to be at Providence, R. I., soon to attend our missionary convention. I am as ever faithful.

Bethlehem, N. H.

FIRST A. M. E. ZION CHURCH, DES MOINES, IOWA.

(By Rev. E. S. Hodge, D. D.)

Dr. Wood, Editor of the Missionary Seer:

Please allow us space for just these few words. The first A. M. E. Zion Church at this place is prospering as never before in the history of its organization. We are now preparing to build a new church for our Zion in this city. We hope to hold the next session of the Missouri Conference in our new church next June. Brother Kyles is with us in our struggles. The people love him out this way. He is a great man and the Lord is with him. Our missionary program was a big hit. We had a great time and raised our full assessment for foreign missions. I am sending the full amount of the collection. Get your robe ready for 1920.

Des Moines, Iowa.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY SHILOH A. M. E. ZION CHURCH, ENGLEWOOD, N. J.

(By Rev. N. B. Robinson, D. D.)

The 27th anniversary of the church of which I have the honor to be pastor was conducted in a most pleasant and profitable manner. The program was concluded on the fourth day of its beginning, which included the Sabbath of the same week. Among those who appeared on the program were Mrs. Lillian Donogan, Rev. M. Hawkins, Mrs. H. C. Harris, Mrs. Donald White, Mrs. Rosa Samples, Mrs. Malinda Gordon, Rev. H. C Van Pelt, Dr. Wm. Willoughby, Mrs. M. Hunter, Hon. David J. McKenna, acting mayor; Hon. H. F. Borring, Prof. J. Douglass, Rev. G. N. Ray, ex-pastor. And among others who delivered special addresses were Hon. Jas. H. Penn, Hon. W. Irving Glover, William Boose, Dr. L. G. Mason, Dr. S. L. Corrothers, and a special reading by Mrs. Gussie Green.

BIBLES BY THE MILLION.

The World's Sunday School Association has supplied, from the opening of war in 1914 to the end of 1917, to the soldiers on both sides approximately 1,500,000 Bibles, Testaments and portions.

Since August, 1914, the British and Foreign Bible Society has distributed, including several hundred thousand which the American Bible Society supplied them, over 7,000,000 Bibles, Testaments and portions, not only among the troops of the British Empire and her Allies, but also among their foes, and in the ranks of their bitterest enemies. The National Bible Society of Scotland has circulated over 3,000,000 Scriptures among the men of war since August, 1914.

Since America entered the war the American Bible Society has issued, in special binding for the army and navy, 2,231,831 Bibles, Testaments and portions. This has meant an average output of over a thousand volumes every working hour, of every working day, during the twele months!

SOLDIERS COMMENT ON CAMP LIFE.

In order to reassure those who are anxious about moral conditions in the camps, the pastor of the Dudley Street Baptist church, Boston, gives the following quotations from two among several letters he has received:

"From a Southern camp: I want you to know that I am keeping up my Bible-study, prayer and church attendance. The men of my battery are a lot of fine, clean, moral fellows. I don't know just what would happen to a man who brought disgrace upon his fellows by his actions. We are standing for the best things. I do not find the rottenness in the army I expected to discover. Men in the army, the same as in civilian life, find companionship according to their desires. If a fellow wants rottenness, he can find those who will rot with him; if he wants clean living, he will find those who would die before they would stain their souls or sacrifice their morals."

From one in the Aviation Service: "The fellows in my corps are a very clean lot, and very easy to get along with. I am delighted to learn that the moral conditions incidental to army life are far better than I was led to suppose by what I had heard and read previous to my enlistment. The men with whom I am associated come from some of the best homes of our country; and while some fellows use a good deal of profanity, still I think we average as high in morality as any bunch of fellows to be found in civilian life."—Christian Endeavor World.

METHODIST WORK IN EAST AFRICA.

"We have been fighting against great odds," writes Rev. P. W. Keys of the M. E. Mission in Inhambane, East Africa. "Storms and heavy rains have continued through more than twelve weeks. There will be no crops and thousands of people will be compelled to live on leaves, roots and herbs, such as they will be able to find in the forests.

"The great hope for the evangelization of Africa lies in the children. As we bring the message of repentance and salvation to crowds of heathen people, or even now and again to individuals, we often find the older people saying, 'I am too old now. I couldn't change my life, for I am so accustomed to heathen practices.' But even when we fail to win the older people, we usually find them not only willing but anxious for us to take their children and teach them the 'Way to believe.' And that is just what we are trying to do. Hundreds of such children are now in our schools, mostly in the out-stations. In a short time they go about as far as the native teacher can carry them, and they are now clamoring for something more than our present equipment affords."

WAR TIME IN NYASALAND.

"We doubt whether it is in the power of anyone at home," says the quarterly Tidings of the English Industrial Mission in Nyasaland, "to measure the demands upon the European and the native populations of Nyasaland which have been made by the war. In newspapers lately received from Africa it is stated that no less than 167,000 natives have been called up for the transport service, and though the whole of these have not been taken from Nyasaland, we have to face the fact that many of our most reliable native helpers have gone, in addition to the white missionaries, who are being held in government service. It has become difficult to keep the schools supplied with teachers, while, notwithstanding all the efforts of the missionaries, any adequate visitation of the schools is a physical impossibility. This last is a factor of the utmost importance, for even the best native workers are apt to get slack and discouraged in the absence of effective supervision."

"NEW AFRICA."

"This huge industrial center of Johannesburg is a mighty force in the transition of the blacks from the simple communal life of the tribe to the individualism of modern times," writes Dr. F. B. Bridgman in the Missionary Herald. "How to help them make readjustment to the new order is a problem as fascinating as it is difficult. Under native custom, marriage is a tedious, round-about, go-between affair—months of negotiations as to the cattle to be paid, and then years to find the cattle before you get the girl. Think of the shocking directness of this ad' by a young ZZulu, in the last native paper on my desk. I copy the wording, which is in English:

"'WANTED—Smart, respectable, attractive young Lady to correspond with a gentleman in good situation (£10 monthly), very good home. View, matrimony. Please write for his photo with strict confidence to "Chef," P. O. Box 1624, Johannesburg. Applicants must not be over nineteen years of age.'

"How's that for the new native! And now, in this morning's paper, prominence is given to a native boycott of certain stores in a large section of the Rand. The boycott is well organized, with pickets posted about all the tabooed shops."

WHY DID THEY DO IT?

(By William M. Danner, Boston, Mass., American Secretary of the Mission to Lepers.)

A church in Chicago recently took up an offering of $30,000 for foreign missions. They are not wealthy people, but of the middle class. They had not pledged themselves to the work and the unusual demands of the war press on them as on others. They were not obliged to give so largely—

Why Did They Do It?

Why did this church, composed for the most part of people, who would be called "poor" as to this world's goods, deliberately plan for an Annual Missionary Rally which all knew would mean appeals for money?

Why did they appoint special committees and workers to plan and campaign unitedly for months in advance?

Why did these people forget that they had no comfortably cushioned and carpeted church, but were worshipping in a wooden Tabernacle, with sawdust for carpet and were sitting on the soft side of pine boards?

Why did they bring Missionary representatives from many different foreign mission boards to present the missionary work and appeal for money for many lands?

Why did the people crowd the tabernacle for afternoon and evening sessions for four days, and on Sunday come in almost continuous sessions for morning, afternoon and evening?

Why did 164 bright young people joyfully join the former volunteers in offering themselves for Foreign Mission service?

Why did these people give out of their poverty, voluntary offerings, so largely that more than $30,000 was given or pledged for Foreign Mission Work?

Why did the pastor, without thought of his own needs, pour out his soul in fords of entreaty, lovingly and faithfully urging his people to do their best to send the blessings of the Gospel to every creature?

The answer to these questions gives the reason why Christians rejoice in giving themselves and their substance to advance the cause of Christ at home and abroad. It is the consciousness of indebtedness to Jesus Christ and loyalty to His command and compassion for those who do not know His salvation. Long live the spirit which reflected "the compassion of Jesus" in the Third Annual Missionary Conference of the Moody Church, Chicago (May 29th to June 2d, 1918). May that spirit stir other churches so that they too may know the joy of being co-laborers with God for the redemption of the world. Will the A. M. E. Zion ministry take a larger part in the world's redemption by giving more to the cause of humanity. Our collections are shameful compared with other evangelical churches in this country.

"I PAUSE TO CONGRATULATE YOU."

(By Rev. S. Alonzo Stinson, D. D., P. E. Opelika District.)

Dear Mr. Woods: I pause along the busy lane of life to compliment you on giving to the church and race one of its very best religious papers. You are giving to Zion the best that there is within you. The Missionary Seer is indeed a gem; it is food for head and heart. I was (you know) a little angry with you at the close of the last General Conference for having come out in the race for the bishopric, and at a time, too, when your chances to be elected to that great office were so very bright, but I am about to be convinced that it was all provincial and that in due time you shall reap if you faint not. The members of the General Conference said that they would stand by you in the next, in 1920, so we will wait, watch, and see. Now, set steady and drive your quill for thorough co-operation and co-ordination. You will win.

Rev. W. T. Paulk, our pastor here, raised over $1,000 in his four weeks rally. I am very truly yours.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

Records of All Zion Churches Between Charlotte and Wilmington Are Smashed.

(By Rev. Henry D. Tillman, D. D.)

The first Sunday in September we launched a $500 rally to terminate the 5th Sunday of the same month. Instead of raising the amount asked for, my people laid on the table $1,158.53. This amount will be supplemented to raise the figures to $1,200. Large crowds worshipped with us. The church is spiritually and financially alive and up to the standard. We have scored a record over all of our Zion churches between Charlotte and Wilmington, N. C. Think of it, $1,158.53 in four weeks, and, too, Mrs. Tillman's club raised $126.15. Of course the boys will take off their hats while the Tillman parade passes. The Seer sees.

"IF WE TRY TO BEAT THE OTHER FELLOW ZION WILL BE STRONGER."

(By Rev. C. L. Byers, D. D.)

Dear Editor: I am always planning and working to beat the other fellow. Our men are full of "pep" and we will go up to the Conference with round reports. I am determined to work as never before to spread our Zion in the northern part of Louisiana. I shall ask the bishop to raise the general claims assessment, especially for foreign missions, for you have struggled to give the church a rating that she has not had among the Evangelical church of this country. We are proud of you and the splendid record that you have made. I believe in doing things. If I can beat the other fellow for the upbuilding of the people Zion will grow stronger as the days come and go.

The $5,000 that you are asking for will never reach you unless the boys send in more than the assessment on the certificate of appointment.

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The new-born babe — This is My beloved Son. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, by eternal generation, as he was begotten of the Father before all worlds.

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Make your Christmas yuletide visits pleasurable and profitable by giving gifts to those who really need them. Jesus came to comfort and inspire the poor, the helpless and the unfortunate and depraved generations of Adam; for these He gave His life. He has done this much for you. What have you done for Him? Help Him by helping some poor unfortunate man or woman, boy or girl that is in need.

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The characters and lives of the people of God ought to be marked by a similar freshness. Godliness tends to keep the soul from withering, and replenishes the springs of the deepest life. There is a perennial freshness in unselfish affections and unworldly aims. The eternal life never grows old. It is selfishness that fatigues the spirit and robs it of its freshness; but so long as the human soul is pervaded by the love of God, the human life cannot lose its zest.

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My brethren: Do you feel from the depths of your soul, according to your conditions and circumstances, that you have done your full duty before God for the cause of Foreign Missions during the year? Really, don't you think that you should have done more? Why, certainly, you could have done better, but for the need of a greater vision of your personal responsibility in the great work of human betterment you failed.

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Life! I could not define it. I could only feel it flowing into me—washing out all the nasty accumulations of the year, opening up the sealed fountains, tuning the slack strings of the harp, setting the eyes to a new focus, recasting prose into poetry, and erasing the border line between the temporal and the eternal, the physical and the spiritual. I seemed to know why the birds sing, and why the mother laughs in the midst of her pain when her babe is born, why springtime is a carnival of joy, and why the soldier shouts exultingly when he rushes into the crimson mist of battle. Yes, life is worth dying for!

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Dr. D. E. Thompson, the great preacher and pulpiteer of Hopkins Chapel, Asheville, N. C., is a real master of letters and man. He is doing a splendid work for the good people of this city.

The Rev. M. D. Smith, D. D., and the Rev. J. H. Jackson, D. D., both pastors of our two largest churches at Charlotte, N. C., are having wonderful success in their work. They are admired by the entire citizenship of Charlotte.

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Men need not work themselves up to something, but simply open their hearts to Him who is there. Goodness then is not mere correctness; it is communion—communion with God, the passing into our lives of the supernatural life of Jesus.

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Rev. R. Farley Fisher, D. D., of Rutherfordton, N. C., is among the many brilliant young men of the race who is making good. He is to be congratulated for the excellent service that he is giving the people at Rutherfordton, N. C., both as pastor and teacher. A candidate for the V. C. E.

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Rev. C. L. Byers, Presiding Elder in the Southern Mississippi Conference, is sweeping on nicely. Dr. Byers is a splendid man and can succeed anywhere.

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Rev. N. T. Hunter, of Whistler, Ala., is succeeding nicely. He is a great preacher and a good pastor.

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Rev. W. H. Howard, of High Point, N. C., is master of the situation. He and his good people are delighted with the success of the church and all goes well.

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Rev. P. R. Flack, A. B., pastor of our church at Richmond, Va., is doing a great work. The church is spiritually and financially alive.

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Rev. T. J. Parker, pastor of Edward Chapel, Pensacola, Fla., is a great lover of the cause of missions. He is a faithful pastor.

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Dr. W. D. Speight, of State Street, Mobile, Ala., is admired and highly respected by his very large membership and the entire citizenry of Mobile.

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Dr. G. W. Johnson, of Big Zion, is the Old Roman of the Bay. He is doing a great work.

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Prof. J. R. Wingfield, Principal of the H. L. In. High School, Greenville, Ala., is a splendid teacher and business man. He is deserving and the men of Alabama are standing by him and the school. Bishop

J. W. Alstock and his men are the great forces behind the throne. The school is in fine condition and is deserving of a large patronage. Rah! Rah! Rah! for the Lomax H. & I. School!

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Mrs. Pauline Hubber Jackson, the wife of Rev. J. S. Jackson, is one of the most brilliant and accomplished women of the race.

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Mrs. Daisy Johnson, one among the most untiring workers for Foreign Missions, is now marshaling her local forces for greater service in the cause of missions.

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Sweet little Marie sent the Seer a letter, and this is what she said: "I want to go wid you to Afrika. Can I go? I am reddy, reddy, trice reddy. Mamma don't care." We wish everybody was "reddy" to do something for poor old Africa.

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Rev. P. K. Fonville, A. M., pastor of our church at Auburn, N. Y., is one of Zion's most successful pastors. He is serving his fifth year at this church and is still popular with his congregation. He has announced himself a candidate for the S. S. Librarian.

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The Rev. R. T. Mitchell, of Saltville, says: "We are moving on in grand style, holding things intact for the Kingdom of Christ. We are doing much for Foreign Missions." Hold tight, trust no mistakes—1920 is just ahead.

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Dr. J. W. Wood: The Seer measures up far beyond the standard of any of our church papers. The boys are pleased. We pay off in 1920. See. J. B. A. Y. Thanks. Dr. Yelverton is doing a great work in Syracuse, N. Y. Congratulations.

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Dr. B. J. Smith says: "You have made The Seer a new paper. Our congratulations are in order."

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The Tuscaloosa District Conference, held at Castle Hill, was a dream. It was one of real "eloquence and oratory," said the writer. Among those who attended were Dr. I. R. Gains, P. E.; G. S. Hill, Mrs. A. L. Hall, Prof. and Mrs. Eichelberger, A. L. Green; Mesdames R. L. Logans, Rhoda Woods, T. B. Edwards, Lela W. Jackson, Ellen Armstrong and others. It was a great conference.

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Rev. Theodore Jones, pastor of the Zion church at Citronville, Ala., is making good. He is a splendid preacher and pastor. The people love him and he is doing well.

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Dr. Conrad, pastor of our church at Asbury Park, N. J., is among the most successful pastors in Zion. The church which he has at this place is among the finest in the connection. Dr. Conrad is well prepared and is calculated to succeed anywhere.

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Dr. H. B. Moss writes: "I hope that all goes well with you. We are pushing things before us. The church is spiritually and financially alive. There is a higher office for you, 1920."

The Rev. F. A. Lusan, of Lakewood, N. J., is a splendid young man, well prepared to take the church. He is a splendid preacher and a worthy pastor of splendid attainments.

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As we go to press news comes to us that Bishop James Walker Hood, D. D., one of the Bishops of the A. M. E. Zion Church, is dead. The Bishop was one of the most remarkable characters of the race. He was both a statesman and churchman of the first magnitude. We will give a brief in next issue.

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Our Seer agents have immortalized themselves in making sales for this magazine. Among them are Mrs. G. H. Wright, of Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Henderson, of High Point, N. C.; Mrs. Howard, of Somerville, N. J.; Mrs. Skinner, of Boston; Mrs. Stinson, of Opelika, Ala.; Dr. Foster, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. Black, of Knoxville; Dr. M. D. Smith, of Charlotte, and a host of others are making themselves felt in the interest of Foreign Missions by standing so nobly by the Corresponding Secretary of Missions. The December issue of The Seer will RETAIL for 10 CENTS EACH.

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The Seer would be pleased to hear from Mrs. Malissa Evans, of Greenville, N. C.; Mrs. S. A. L. Hawkins, Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. Anna Robinson, Statesville, N. C.; Mrs. Sadie Folk, Greenville, Ky.; Mrs. T. E. Hazzard, of Sycamore, N. Y.; Mrs. Anna Harris, Pittsburg, Pa., and others who have worked so hard for The Seer. Please write us a line.

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Rev. E. B. Watson, B. D., pastor of Trinity A. M. E. Zion Church, Greensboro, N. C., is an able preacher, a great pastor and successful builder. His people are proud of him.

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Dr. Henry D. Tillman, of Laurinburg, N. C., is having phenomenal success in his charge. In a recent rally he raised $1,158.53. This amount was supplemented ten days thereafter and the total for the effort was $1,250. Dr. Tillman is a clean-cut Christian gentleman, a good preacher and a successful pastor.

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Dr. I. H. Medford and Dr. W. J. Walk, both of Louisville, Ky., are moving forward in the fight for the cause of the Master. All of our pastors in Louisville are doing well. Our good friend, Dr. Hendricks, is an accomplished worker, great pastor, preacher and presiding elder. He knows no failure. And Dr. T. O. Stoner is the old tried Roman of them all. The Seer congratulates you upon your recent successes.

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Dr. W. F. Alstork, Presiding Elder of the Missouri Conference, is a master on the job. He is a great preacher and successful minister of the Gospel. He is doing a great work in this conference. Bishop Kyles and the brethren of the Missouri Conference are pleased with his service.

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The mighty hero and Roman of the Louisiana Conference in the person of Dr. H. R. Jackson, is making good. He is a worthy Christian gentleman with a great future before him. He is a success everywhere.

THE LONELIEST OF MEN.

Probably there is no lonelier man on earth today than William, head of the Hohenzollerns, in form at least still Emperor; in fact, with his power crumbling, his hopes crushed, his life-long ambition thwarted, his country turning upon him in anger, even his trusted followers falling away and few "so poor to do him reverence." All his life lies in ruins about him.

As the ruler of the German nation he is charged by the world with the responsibility for the war. He has, indeed, in his bombastic way, declared himself to be responsible, but even if he be a figurehead and a tool thrust into the war leadership by scheming, ambitious and unscrupulous men of his court, as some writers aver, he has from youth up played the part of autocrat and if he has been a tool he is probably least aware of it of all men.

He not only rejoiced in the fact that he was Emperor, he believed devoutly in the divinity that was once said to hedge a king and because of his kingship affected a relationship with God far closer and more intimate than the common man, however saintly, could hope to attain. And now even his special German God has seemingly deserted him. He stands alone before all the world with multitudes of his once worshipful subjects execrating him, with former obsequious courtiers and political leaders now looking after their personal fortunes, not his; with the boasted Hohenzollern glory vanishing into thin air, with a future uncertain and terrifying.

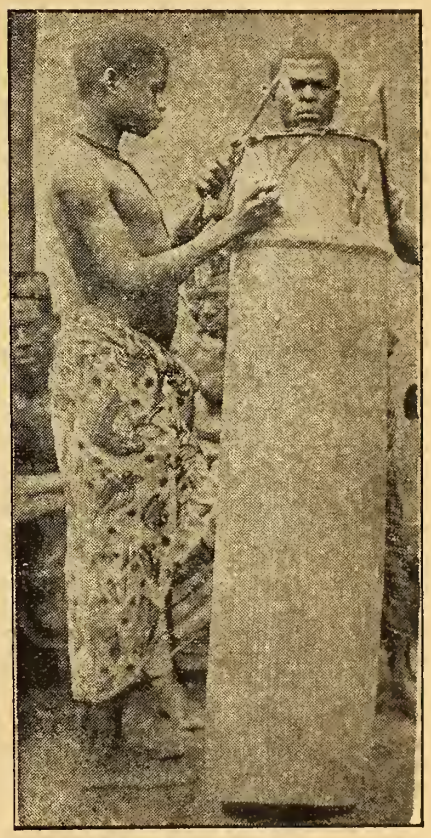
Who are his confidants, who his sympathizers, in this supreme crisis? Is there one whom he can trust among the throng that flattered and bowed before him in servile hypocrisy so short a time ago? It is doubtful. He is suffering the solitude of the man who has failed and has carried his house and the house of his friends down with him, the solitude of the man who is hated and despised and whose very memory must be forever under a shadow of shame and disgrace for his crimes toward humanity. Already he seems "remote, unfriended, melancholy," an obstruction to civilization pushed forever aside. But what a figure of unutterable loneliness!—Indianapolis Star.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY OUT OF THE WAR.

The terms of armistice imposed on Austria-Hungary are along the lines of those previously accepted by Bulgaria and Turkey and indicate what Germany must expect. In each case the defeated nation has been forced into unconditional surrender, as a military measure. Germany must be prepared to accept similar conditions before there will be a cessation of warfare against her. It would be criminal to impose anything less, and thus leave the way open to resumption of hostilities.

The conditions accepted by Austria-Hungary put that nation and all its resources absolutely out of the war and open the way for a drive against Germany from the south and east. The Austria-Hungarian railways and waterways are placed at the disposal of the allies. That will make it possible to rush troops from the Italian and Balkan fronts to attack the Germans along their southern frontier. It also makes practicable the dispatching of troops overland through Roumania to Russia.

The armistice, of course, is simply a military affair and has nothing to do with the terms that may be imposed when the peace treaty is signed. The diplomats will decide what is to be done in the way of territorial readjustment, payment of indemnities and governmental changes. Austria-Hungary merely has followed Bulgaria and Turkey in admission of military defeat. It has given up its arms and awaits the verdict of the peace commissioners as to its ultimate fate.—Indianapolis Star.



NATIVE MUSICIANS IN WEST AFRICA.

MISSIONARY SERVICE FLAGS.

Several Mission Boards are publishing lists of their missionaries and missionary sons who are in the service of their country as soldiers, chaplains, physicians, nurses and Y. M. C. A. workers. The Presbyterian Board has issued a long list and now the Congregationalist suggests that "the American Board might well devise a service flag, to be hung on those churches from which a son or daughter has gone forth to the service of Christ in the mission field. It would be interesting to learn what churches could display them. They would be comparatively few, for there are only 680 Congregational missionaries to be located among 6,089 churches; not that, indeed, for very many of the American Board's staff have come from other than Congregational churches. The smaller and remoter churches would outshine in this particular the larger and more conspicuous ones."

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In the closing days of one of the most eventful years in the world's history, we take off our hat and extend our hand to our many Seer readers with a "God bless you." Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but not His Son into the world to condemn the wrold, but that the world through Him might be saved.—Jno.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

Now the birth of Jesus was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph, her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary, thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, behold, a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel; which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him. And he took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son, and he called his name Jesus.

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION.

The mystery of Christ's incarnation is to be adored. When David admires how he himself was made in secret, and curiously wrought, perhaps he speaks in the spirit of Christ's incarnation. Mary was espoused to Joseph, not completely married, but contracted. A purpose of marriage, solemnly declared in words, regarding the future and a promise of it made to each before God is a marriage. We read of a man who has betrothed a wife and has not taken her (Deut. 20-7). Christ was born of a virgin, but a betrothed virgin to save the good name the virtue and character of Mary, it was fit that her conception should be protected by a marriage and so justified in the eyes of the world. The word of God is made flesh to dwell among us, for God so loved the world that he gave His son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

HIS LIFE ONE OF SERVICE.

"I came to serve," are the Master's words, and His life proved it. Eighteen years of His young manhood were passed as a carpenter in the very community in which he had been reared. He built his neighbors' houses; he worked with saw and hammer beside the humblest mechanics in the little town of Nazareth. And all that time he was as much the Christ, the world's Saviour, as when later in life He preached in the temple or held crowds spellbound on the shores of Galilee.

When His ministerial life began, He still worked for the people in the most personal way. Some of His discourses were given as He sat at the table of a convert or stood by the sick bed of some child or demented patient. He combined, as no other teacher has shown ability to combine, eternal truths with the practices of humanity in every walk of life. He saved men by coming close to them; He could reach men because He walked beside them.

When He met a woman wearily carrying jugs of water for family use, He talked to her about the things uppermost in her mind, the best and only way to get relief from those burdens. And then He told her of the Water of Life.

He healed the sick who flocked to Him; he comforted the sorrowing and restored the dead to their friends. He came in touch with His fellow men at every turn. His life was one of continual service.

Let your mind follow it. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, built their houses, attended their meetings, taught them, ate with them, supplied their food and drink when there was a shortage, and even cooked for them when that was necessary. He touched humanity at every angle.

Christ demonstrated before the world every principle contained in the Word of God. He was that Word made flesh. In Him God showed how the principles of heaven are to be made known to men; that they are to be lived out before the eyes of the world.

Christ made God's Word His food; He ate it, assimilated it, then reproduced it in His actions. "My meat," said Jesus, "is to do the will of Him that sent Me."

The real missionary of today will follow in His footsteps. He will enter some needy section of this

world and there, as Christ in Palestine, he will translate the Word of God into the everyday life of the community. Such a demonstration becomes food for the community, a food that builds a body strong to resist sin, as physical food of the right kind builds a physical body capable of resisting disease.

On another page is the cut of Mrs. Peters and Miss C. L. Tshabalala, who are to sail for Africa about January 1, 1919, with Bishop George C. Clement, D. D. That is if proper provisions are made for their passports. And too, all depends upon the activities of our Missionary Societies throughout the church. If they have failed us, then in all probability we will not be able to arrange for the expedition. If you have not responded we hope that you will do so by the 20th of this month. The missionary department is depending solely upon the good women of the church to raise the $5,000 that is needed for this particular expedition. Mrs. Anna Blackwell has done her full share in the way of an appeal and otherwise. She is faithful and should have the full co-operation of every woman in Zion church.

If you haven't responded do so at once. And too, we have depended upon the good graces of the pastor to throw his shoulder to the wheel and encourage the women. The Sunday School and V. C. E. Societies and congregations to help us. We ask what have you done, what amount have you sent to Miss Ida V. Smith for this purpose? Mrs. A. W. Alstock is asking the good women of Alabama to raise $1,000 for the Alstock Temple in South America and it is hoped that she and the good women of the Third Episcopal district will be successful. We hope that Bishop Clement and our good and faithful missionaries will not be disappointed in the people of the great A. M. E. Zion church. Therefore we make this last appeal to P. E.'s, pastors, Sunday Schools and V. C. E. Societies to rally to the standard of a righteous cause to send our missionaries and bishop to Africa next January 1, 1919. Will you help us?

Dr. Funce, president of Brown's University and a member of the American Council of the World Alliance, discussed in luminous paragraphs and with broadminded statesmanship the social, political and religious changes which the war is forcing upon us. Few of us know what the end of the present conflict will be, but we do know that far-reaching changes are going to take place. To what extent it will affect the social, political and religious sentiment of the world it is hard to tell. We hope, however, that all will end to the glory of God and the betterment of man throughout the world. As for America: We hope for a better feeling between the races, and that we may live in perfect peace with an improved condition along social, political and religious lines. We want social betterment, political freedom, religious and civic justice. With the closing of this war, in which nearly all peoples of the earth are engaged, all prejudice should pass. Lynchings and the burning of Negroes to death should stop. Jim Crow car laws, discriminations in public places of amusement or otherwise should pass out at the closing of this war in which the Negro has fought for a world democracy.

From now on the Negro will expect a larger opportunity, greater social and political advantages and the full rights of an American citizen. America is the black man's country, and being a rightful citizen, he will ask for the full rights of a citizen as are granted to other men of lighter hue. We are white Americans, red Americans and black Americans. We are here to live together, work together, fight together and die together for the cause of freedom. Then let us all be free alike. We hope that the closing of the war will bring to our people better wages on the farms, in the workshops, on the railroads, and in all skilled and common labor pursuits. We hope for equal wages. We want better pay for our women who cook, wash, scrub, nurse and do other domestic service for our white people. We have been waiting a long time for justice and we pray that this war will bring it to us. There may be a sign of a better day for the colored man in this country, but that sign is very small. We hope, however, that this small sign is like the small traditional cloud that preceded the flood. "So mote it be." We look ahead. The Lord will provide for His own.

HIS BIT AND HIS COUNTRY.

(By Private Edward McKay Bacon.)

To First Lieut. Thomas E. Davis, Chaplain U. S. Army, 6th Regiment, with the colors at Camp Taylor, Kentucky:

Said a soldier boy in khaki clad
Of Negro blood was he—
"Am going abroad to fight
To make the whole world free."

Spoke out his comrade loudly,
Who wore the warrior's smile,
"If we may fight and win
We'll march up glory's aisle."

They took each other's hand
And this is what they said,
"What will it matter, pal,
When both of us are dead?"

Spoke out the noble Black
With tears amid his cheer,
"He'll reward us every one
Who doeth his duty here."

Dark was the night and cold it was
When they fought on foreign soil;
But only for democracy's sake
Onwards, marked their every toil.

When rivers ran red like wine
With nobles' blood and power,
Dying away to live again
In the form of a charming flower.

When the morn was shining clear,
Beneath the crimson sod
These brave and gallant Blacks
Keep fellowship with God.

These warriors are at rest,
They do not sleep in vain,
For God shall rule the world alone
And not the kaiser's main.

LETTERS FROM THE FIELD.

"A PROFITABLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION."

(By Rev. R. J. Lee, D. D.)

Editor of The Missionary Seer:

Permit us to say that we have just closed one of the most successful and profitable Sunday School conventions held in the state, at Spring Hill church, Lancaster District. Dr. M. Ingram presided. The meeting was one of great information and inspiration to the good people, the superintendent and teachers of our Sunday School. Bishop Bruce, that prince of bishops, is wide awake to every interest of the church. He is

REV. MRS. H. E. PETERS AND MISS C. L. TSHABALALA

Scheduled to sail for Africa in January, 1919. We hope their passports can be secured.

some more bishop and then some. Prof. J. W. Eichelberger called in to see us and made things lively. He presented the Sunday School Bulletin and many subscribed for it.

Mr. J. A. Johnson represented the publication house. Dr. M. D. Lee, the old Roman of them all, spent a while looking after interests of the Lancaster N. and I. School. $217 was raised for this institution.

The Missionary Seer is indeed popular and is earnestly sought for and read with real pleasure and profit by the ministers of the Old South Carolina Conference. Long live the Seer and its editor. 1920 will crown his efforts.

Pleasant Hill, S. C.

THE KNOXVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

(By James W. Hall.)

The Knoxville District Conference was held at Park City, Tenn., and entertained by the Warners Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church. Dr. W. H. Mitchell presided. The Conference was organized by electing the following officers: J. W. Hall, secretary; Miss Tabitha Dennis, assistant secretary; Mr. A. Moss, marshal, and Rev. Harwell, to keep the time.

All reports from the pastors and delegates were good. This is true to the tradition of this district. Our Presiding Elder, Dr. W. H. Mitchell, is one of our best presiding officers. He is a master on the job and all of the people love him. He is good and kind to all. Dr. J. L. Black, the master preacher of Logan's temple, is moving things before him preparing for the forthcoming General Conference. Dr. Black will contest for the V. C. E. Union, and he will "scare the boys." Rev. O. Carrington, of Clinton Chapel; Rev. W. F. Madison, of Oakdale; Rev. A. L. Wilson, of Park City; Rev. Harwell, of Oakland; Rev. J. S. Matthews, of Concord; Rev. T. J. Gillespie, of Kingston, and Rev. George Cobb, of Sevierville, have done well this year.

The Conference was great. Dr. J. W. Wood secretary of Foreign Missions, and Prof. Aaron Brown, V. C. E. president, called to see us. They electrified the people with their eloquence. Bishop G. C. Clements and wife inspired us with words of good cheer. Splendid sermons were preached by Rev. A. Moss, Rev. W. F. Madison, Rev. W. O. Carrington, Rev. J. S. Matthews, Dr. J. L. Black and Rev. H. M. Harwell. Mrs. Martha Mitchell, Mrs. Carrie Watkins and Mrs. L. J. Mitchell looked after the Missionary department.

Knoxville, Tenn.

MONROE DISTRICT V. C. E. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

(By Miss Maggie L. Broadnox.)

Dr. Wood, Editor the Seer:

Accept these brief notes from our convention for the well edited Missionary Seer. The V. C. E. and S. S. Convention held at Buford, Ga., was indeed great. The meeting was opened by devotion, the Rev. C. L. Jones preaching the opening sermon followed by the welcome exercises. Address of welcome by Rev. B. M. Moxey. The second day of the convention reports were made by pastors and delegates. Among those who took part in the convention were Rev. A. L. Martin, D. D., presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Williams, B. L. Lockey, Rev. George W. Duvall of the M. E. church South (white), and others. Well, we raised $32.50 for the Bruce institute of Windor, Ga. This is a new institution which is much needed in this section

of Georgia. Dr. Martin and Bishop Bruce are behind the project.

Miss Maggie Broadnox, Misses Minnie Gambel, M. L. Brueson, Montine Brown, Pearl Patman, Corine Riley did splendidly on the program. We closed on Sunday and it was a great day for our people. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. P. R. Lester, 3 p. m. by Rev. S. S. Sapp, followed by a talk from Mrs. M. L. Martin; collection for missions. Rev. T. M. Davis preached at night. We raised $113.56. God bless all.

THE BUSY MEN OF ARKANSAS.

(By Rev. D. S. Blackwell, D. D.)

Dr. J. W. Wood, Editor of the Seer:

Allow me first of all to congratulate you upon the splendid magazine that you are giving to the church. I am proud of the Seer and I take it around in my pocket to show to the people. I am not ashamed of it. Secondly, I wish to say that Rev. C. W. P. Mitchell, D. D., presiding elder of the Little Rock district, is to be reckoned with at the next General Conference. He is a scholar and a man full of push and is honest to the core. Rev. L. D. Davis, D. D., presiding elder of the Helena district, is a wide-awake Gospel preacher and a safe leader. Rev. C. H. Owens is another faithful hero of the cross—he knows how to do things. Rev. H. L. Leak is still on the job, singing like Silas and praying like Paul. Rev. G. W. Baird is sweeping things before him. Rev. R. B. Macon, D. D., presiding elder of the Montrose district, is leading his host onward to victory. His recent conventions broke all previous records. He is a master in Israel and a mighty big preacher.

Dr. W. H. Davenport, the famous writer of the "Breakers", hopes to build a brick church at Warren. That's just like Dave. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. C. Grays, of Crosset, are doing fine work for the Master. Rev. H. C. Holly is smiling, singing and shouting, and making friends as he goes. Rev. G. C. Freeman, of Mt. Pisgah, is a great spiritual preacher. Rev. E. D. Blackwell is building a new church, St. James, at Grady, to cost $2,200. Rev. R. C. Courtney, a fine young man, was the first to pay his assessment. Rev. W. W. Seabrooks has just closed a big revival at White Oak. Rev. D. J. Adams, presiding elder of Pine Bluff district, is still the old Roman on the battle front. He sweeps on. The Rev. John Henry is faithful and full of goodness. Everybody loves him.

Rev. M. Meachem is the old stand by, a splendid man of great push and dash. Rev. E. D. Washington, D. D., is a fine preacher and teacher. He is principal of the Wilmot high school and pastor of Lee's Chapel. Rev. H. L. Davis, the big boy preacher, is pastor at Walnut Grove and is O. K. You can depend on him. Rev. D. C. Collins, of Young's Chapel, is sweeping on. He is ready to meet Bishop Kyles. Rev. D. Meeks, of Little Zion, is a hustler and is a success. Rev. D. T. Singleton, pastor of Lone Star, is a master on his job. Rev. E. D. Mosley, of Thompson's Chapel, is proud of his presiding elder, loves his church and bishop and has raised all claims. Rev. G. W. Ingram, pastor at John Wesley, Wilmot, is going "over the top."

Dr. Blackwell, the writer of this article, has been in the ministry twenty-six years; pastored twelve years, presiding elder thirteen years; built nine churches and made many converts. He has never missed an annual conference. He was elected delegate to the general conference in 1886 as a layman, and delegate from 1900 to 1916. Graduated from the Albion Academy, Franklinton, N. C.; was a teacher in the public schools for thirty-four years. He has paid for several homes. His baby boy is now in the service of "Uncle Sam."

Grady, Ark.

W. H. and F. MISSIONARY SOCIETY—TRALAKE, MISS.

(By Rev. A. C. Cook, B. S.)

Dr. Wood:

You are to be congratulated for the splendid make up of the Missionary Seer. The circulation of this journal could not have been so extensive had it not been so interesting and attractive. The Seer is a worthy magazine and should be in the homes of every Zion family. Pay day is just ahead when the paper time comes. The church will reward you. 1920 is the date set for a settlement and then you must go up higher. Everything and everybody down this way will register their vote for J. W. Wood for bishop.

NATIVE KRU WOMAN.
Liberia, West Africa.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of this district has been organized for some years, but not doing much, but since Mrs. Dora White and many of the good pastors have taken hold under the direction of that man of God, Rev. Dr. C. L. Byers,

presiding elder, the Society has taken on new life and all goes well.

Our convention was a success. We raised $28 for the cause of missions. Rev. J. M. Marshall, pastor of Pine Chapel, is doing well. His rally netted $27. The sleeping pastors had better wake up for the time is now here when all sleepers must be regarded as trailers. On the tail end. Rev. Miles is doing big things at St. James.

Tralake, Miss.

W. H. AND F. MISSIONARY SOCIETY, ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE.

(By Mrs. Anna F. Smith.)

Dear Mr. Editor:

Please allow me space in your paper to mention a few of the important events in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Allegheny Conference (Pittsburgh District). Our annual session was held in the historical city of Johnstown, Pa.,

BISHOP GEO. C. CLEMENT, D. D.,

of the Tenth Episcopal, scheduled to sail for Africa in January, 1919. He is to take with him Rev. Mrs. Peters and Miss Tshabalala if passports can be secured. He is called to ordain 20 native preachers for the Gold Coast.

October 2-6, where our former presiding elder, Rev. P. H. Williams, is now our successful pastor.

This was one of the most successful sessions the Conference has ever held. And that is saying quite a bit. Friday of each Annual Conference session is a day looked forward to with great interest to the women of this Conference. All the disappointments and discouragements of the year are forgotten for this one day, as one by one the district officers, Missionary Conference workers, district Sunday School superintendent and district superintendent of the V. C. E. Societies are called upon to render their reports.

The women of this Conference have the reputation of having the most satisfactory organization and raising the most money (?) of all the splendidly organized, money raising women of our church. Peace and harmony reign supremely and each one has the hearty co-operation of the other. And too, they have the support of the most loyal women (and men) in the local church. During the year just ended they sent $650 to the general treasurer for the support of foreign work. Hence there was no surprise when the Fourth Episcopal district was awarded the Episcopal banner at Asheville, N. C., in August.

On Friday, October 4, when the Rt. Rev. J. S. Caldwell, D. D., called forth the women to give an account of their stewardship each had a carefully prepared report and when all reports were rendered they had placed $633 in cold cash on the table. One Missionary Conference worker alone, in the person of Mrs. Emma Williams of Johnstown, Pa., having raised $130. The next highest amount raised by the workers, $75, by Mrs. Effie Tardy of Pittsburgh, Pa. At the conclusion of these reports a motion was offered that every district officer and Missionary Conference worker be reappointed for another year. This, however, was left to the Godly judgment of the bishop. But God was good, also the bishop, for all were reappointed. In the evening a splendid literary program was rendered. Mrs. J. S. Caldwell presided. The platform was graced by the presence of our missionary mother, Mrs. Mary J. Small, and our friend and fomer associate, Mrs. Jennie Taylor, of Lisbon, Ohio, district president of the Ohio Conference. Collection, $70.

On the next morning (Saturday), at 10:30, Mrs. J. S. Caldwell again presided. The roll was called of those who last year had made pledges in the interest of the debt-paying campaign. This roll was composed of the district officers, Missionary Conference workers and district superintendent of V. C. E. And, behold, $408 was realized to supplement the $300 reported last year by the Conference. The $708 is now safely in the hands of Dr. W. H. Goler, financial secretary (connectional treasurer). At the conclusion of this meeting the women were called together to formulate plans for the raising of their quota for the African relief campaign. We will tell you how well we succeed in this effort later.

On Saturday evening, October 5, Mrs. Ellen Pool, district Sunday School superintendent, entertained sixty guests of the Conference at her elegant home on Sherman avenue.

On Monday, at 4 p. m., Mrs. Fannie Yonker, a prominent member of our church, entertained. Covers were laid for ten. On Monday night forty guests were entertained at the beautiful suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Car. An interesting program was rendered, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc. We regret that time and space will not allow us to give the names of guests and the description to the full extent of these social gatherings.

Mrs. A. L. Anderson, president; Mrs. Jennie C. Dobbins, secretary of the Y.'s; Mrs. Anna F. Smith, superintendent of Buds of Promise, district secretary and reporter.

Carnegie, Pa.

QUESTIONS IN RHYME

They Will Help You Brush Up Your Memory Regarding Other Wars.

A reader has sent us a most interesting series of rhyming questions on the wars of the world. It will relieve your mind from the day's problems if you will see how many of the questions you can answer.

You might cover up the answers, which are put at the left in order to test your memory. The answers are printed so that if the family circle should care to go over them, it will not be necessary to make numerous references to the encyclopedia:

Battles Fought by Land and Seat Prominent in History.

Caesar—Who crossed the famous Rubicon?
William III—Who battled at the Boyne?
General Ross—Who burned and ransacked Washington?
General Gates—Who fought and beat Burgoyne?
Charles I—Who lost the fight on Marston Moor?
Napoleon I—And who at Beresina?
Franco-Prussian—What battles fought at Mars La Tour?
Royalists—Who fired on Messina?
General Scott—Who stormed the heights of Vera Cruz?
Brutus v. Cassius—Who argued at Philippi?
Saracens—Who pillaged ancient Syracuse?
Commodore Foote—Who cleared the Mississippi?
Louis XIV—Who long beleaguered old Namur?
General Wolfe—Who fell before Quebec?
Bonhomme Richard v. Serapis—What victory did Jones secure while fighting on a wreck?
Commodore Nelson—Who won the fight at Aboukir?
Bainbridge—Who whipped the frigate Java?
George III—Who brought the Hessians over here?
Light Brigade—Who charged at Balaklava?
Wellington—Who came out best at Waterloo?
Putnam and Clinton—Who battled at Long Island?
Decatur—Who stopped the Moorish pirate crew?
George III—Who subjugated Ireland?
General Howe—Who fought and won at Brandywine?
Napoleon III—Who won at Solferino?
France—Who lost those lands along the Rhine?
Funston—Who caught that Filipino?
General Wolfe—Who stormed the Heights of Abraham?
Winslow—Who sunk the Alabama?
Commodore Perry—Who cleared the lakes for Uncle Sam?
General Taylor—Who beat Santa Anna?
Alexander—Who battled royally at Tyre?
The Boers—Who gloried at Majuba?
Bonaparte—Who warmed himself at Moscow's fire?
United States—Who liberated Cuba?
Charles Edward—Who ran away at Culloden?
Catherine—Who saved all at Pultowa?
Liberty—When Yorktown came what followed then?
Prussia won—How was it at Sadowa?
Commodore Nelson—Trafalgar owed its fame to whom?
English v. Boers—Who fought at Spion Kop?
Chinese Gordon—What hero held, then lost, Khartoum?
Washington—Who made Cornwallis stop?
(1) Marlborough; (2) Ask Southey—Who fought at Blenheim and for what?
Charles XII—Who dared so much at Narva?
Hanged as spy—What was Major Andre's lot?
Till 1346—How long did Calais waver?
"Falstaff"—Who fought so bravely at Gad's Hill
That we are laughing at it still?

—Washington Times.

WALTERS' ZION MANSE.

Fellowship N. O., Demerara, British Guiana, South America.

September 5, 1918.

Rev. J. W. Wood, D. D., Cor. Sec.,
1231 Cornell Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., U. S. A.

My very dear Dr. Wood:

Yours dated July 23, 1918, with money order for $50 in company with two excellent books donated by you and Dr. Auten was received on the 21st of August

REV. J. W. WOOD, D. D.

Secretary of Foreign Missions. Will arrange for the African and South American Expeditions. He will sail with Bishop J. W. Alstork, if passports can be secured, in February, 1919.

with great joy. The $50 and clothes ordered, etc., and received already for $50; also I now send you a full receipt herein for. You have, therefore, by the board satisfied fully my appropriation for the year ending August 31, 1918. I must certainly thank you very, very much for your "Christian Secret of a Happy Life," donated me unsolicited.

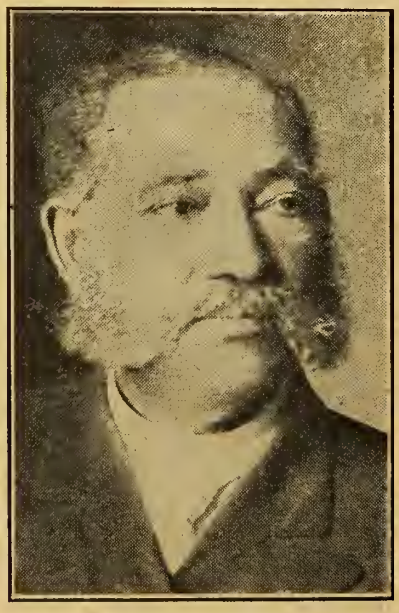
Please extend to good Dr. Auten my gratitude and

thanks for his pulpit book of sermons solicited. Both are of great help to me, I must confess.

I quite understand how difficult it was for you to send my needed clothes.

Dr. McDonald and Miss Ella Robinson of New England Conference and of York, Pa., respectively, are yet to learn the way by sheer tact to get me down what they have for me. The times because of the war are really tough, but we can't give up, eh! Righteous grumblings better be sighed into fervent and sincere prayers to God who will make a way of escape for those who are His sincere followers through Jesus Christ.

I think I have made miraculously wonderful progress. At the end of the week we hope to have nearly all of the walls of the new church at Uitolugt, four miles from here, boarded up! "It is the Lord's doing, etc." I know you believe me when I say that your $50 received was no sooner in my hand than it was swallowed up by materials. The need for the church there was more than clear, and, therefore, the needed extraordinary self-denial and self-sacrifice by me with my appropriations and zeal demanded a Christian's



BISHOP J. W. ALSTORK, D. D.,

of the Third Episcopal District. Will sail for Demerara, S. A., if passports can be secured, February, 1919. To hold the South American Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

surrender. God and my "beloved Zion" will reward me or mine some day. Doctor, pray for me. I am regarded here as a mystery on account of the progress through Jesus Christ, Bishop Alstook, you and the Foreign Mission Board and my special foreign and local friends of mission, I am making.

God knows it is utterly impossible for me and mine to make out with what I get from other sources to lived on, Doctor, especially because I am your building and foundation laying missionary here, etc. I am sorry you cannot help me with a grant for building purposes now. Your "We can help you next fall" is great encouragement to me. Try and send me something then so that I may be out of some of my financial troubles.

I have not heard from my good Bishop for a while. Am writing him now also. Hope you by this time have received all of my letters, etc. I can't get regular any "Star of Zion." Bishop and you will be a welcome to me and the church here and I pray that day of your distinguished visit may soon come.

I desire that our best love be extended to your dear circle and the general church. I am sending you today a photo of our Alstork's church cornerstone ceremony. If you could, as requested by me, write a letter of sympathy direct to the secretary of Alstork's Self Help Society, Mr. D. Adams, Uitolugt Postoffice, Demerara, British Guiana, South America, with an ordinary Bible or a hymnal on account of his martyrdom for us it would greatly help me to continue to build up our beloved Zion here.

I am, yours for God and our beloved Zion,

W. A. DEANE.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1920.

(By Rev. A. L. Lightford, D. D.)

Men who have made any progress in life are those who have looked forward, having an ideal with a desire to reach the end—a coveted goal.

I wish in this short article to mention a man of sterling character, a man of worth and of ability. One who has had a world-wide experience in travel, both in this country and continental Europe. A gentleman of broad experience and liberally educated, and a soul and disposition akin to the best Christian apostles of his time. I refer to the Rev. J. Wesley Wood, D. D., corresponding secretary of Foreign Missions, whom we regard as one among the most competent men of the race.

The general church in its General Conference will, without doubt, elect Dr. Wood on the first ballot. It is generally conceded from the east, west, north and south that this Christian gentleman and lover of human rights will be elected by a large margin over a two-third ballot, when the first ballot is taken. We can not afford to crush the life out of this man who has done so much good for the church and the race. He is a man of vision, a man of great power with a wonderful personality, and he will make one among the most efficient bishops of our time.

I have been in communication with men of every section of the church, and I find that most of them are in favor of Dr. Wood with no second choice. The west is for Dr. Wood, first, last and all the time, and when he is elected we shall put the next man over who may be the choice of Dr. Wood. Whatever Dr. Wood says in this respect, his supporters will uphold. If he names Dr. Wallace as his choice, then we will put Dr. Wallace over, or any other man that he may name. Dr. Wood has never made a failure. He has pastored from the smallest mission points to the largest churches in the connection with great success. He has a clean record and a model Christian family of five girls, all of whom are well educated and in training. He has several grand children and all of them consti-

tutes one happy family of an unbroken record of the best character.

Among the larger churches that he has pastored are Edenton, N. C.; Berkley, Va.; Metropolitan, Norfolk, Va.; First Church, Indianapolis, Ind.; State St. Church, Mobile, Ala., and from there he was elected secretary of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society, with headquarters at Philadelphia, Pa. The middle and far west joins the north, the east and the south in one solid plalanx to elect Dr. Wood on the first ballot.

We have a man to fill Dr. Woods' place, in the person of Rev. W. W. Matthews, D. D., pastor of the Old Ship Church, Montgomery, Ala. A man who has made a great sacrifice for the upbuilding of our Zion on the coast. He has proved himself to be a real man.

Dr. Matthews is a man of a clear vision, and is well qualified for the office. While in the west, a pastor at Oakland, Cal., and Portland, Ore., he rebuilt our fine church which we now have at San Francisco. This church is one of the finest Colored churches on the Pacific coast. Some day history will recall Matthews as the pioneer presiding elder of the California Conference. He remained in this position until he was called to the state of Alabama, to take charge of the church at Montgomery.

The west is asking him to speed up the work and rebuild the Old Ship church, and be ready for the race at the next General Conference. There will be many in the race. A few years ago this office was not worth much, but Dr. Wood has made it one of the best departments in the church, and now everybody wants it.

We are going to do our best to hand it over to Dr. Matthews. We say to Dr. Matthews, "Don't worry, but stay in the race for the far west, the middle west and we believe all Alabama will go strong for you."

We bid you God speed and will meet you if the Lord is willing, at Knoxville, Tenn.

San Francisco, Cal.

A REPLY TO THAT LITTLE LETTER OF YOURS.

(By Mrs. L. A. Walters.)

My dear Doctor Wood:

The missionery work is still my absorbing passion. I read the Seer from cover to cover at its each issue, and am highly gratified with its fine appearance and illuminating subject matter.

I am endeavoring to keep up my connection with the church at large through the missionary enterprises, running in and out on Sunday's speaking, etc.

This winter I changed off from the beaten path and have been speaking on "White Immigration and Black Exodus," as gleaned from my work in the Immigration Bureau. I would be glad to send you the manuscript if you so desired.

Also the Liberty Loan Committee met and voted on the most representative woman of the race to speak at the last Liberty Loan meeting at which time was present the most representative men (white) of New York, James Gordon Battle, Wm. Jay Schieffen, Col. Moss of the 367th Infantry, the Commissioner of Police and a number of other representative men. One of your missionary women, in the person of myself, was chosen to represent the colored women.

Col. Moss, of the 367th Infantry, said that I made the speech of the evening. I spoke on the spiritual psychology of the black man of America and that the only way to arouse or enlist his sympathies with the war was to make an appeal to his religious instincts.

I am endeavoring to memorialize my husband—you know that he was a prodigious worker in all of humanity's great causes and I think his high courage, his forgetfulness of self and his beautiful spirituality is an asset to the church that should be made enduring in some form. It may be, that it shall take the form of an African scholarship to which I shall myself contribute $100. This is to be finally determined by the board of bishops at Asheville.

I am giving an enlarged picture of Bishop Walters to the Kwitta church, also a library and organ to commemorate him. To this work he was devoted, and gave largely of his time and energy without stint or price through some fourteen years.

You will pardon the incoherence of this letter, I am writing at the office, just before taking the boat for the city. It seems that I can not yet write a line at my home; it brings up too many poignant memories of other days when I was writing under the direction of one who gave his life in the interest of this great cause.

That little letter of yours gave me much pleasure indeed. I am succeeding nicely with my work—have twice been promoted for efficiency and good work during my short stay here—thus does the church equip her children to do conscientious work for her and when they go out in the world to battle, her training serves them.

The enclosed little booklet will tell you that I am still busy with my African redemption work. Prof. Locke, Mr. Emmett Scott and other distinguished men have asked me to keep up the invaluable propaganda at this psychological time, and from the high plane of its vision draw together thousands of men and women of vigorous public consciousness from this country outward to Africa for years—nay the centuries so sadly neglected by the many Christian agencies.

With best wishes for your continued success in your high field of endeavor. I am yours for missions.

New York City.

MISSIONS IN THE TRENCHES.

That there is considerable religion in the trenches of Europe is a fact which we are coming to realize, but that this trench religion at times takes on a missionary aspect will surprise many. A missionary meeting in the trenches! Speakers from the missionary front in Africa, China, India holding hardened soldiers spellbound by their tales of spiritual victories among the non-Christian races of the world!—such things we had hardly thought possible.

A missionary from Papua, British New Guinea, has been giving lectures at the front on such topics as "Racial Problems in Relation to Christianity," "Our Duty to the Weaker Races," "The Ultimate Aim." These lectures are followed by discussions often continuing far into the night.

KEY WORD—PEACE.

Scripture Lesson: John 14:20, 21; Ps. 91:1.
Key Word: Peace.

Comment—It was on a battlefield in France, and along the torn and heavy road the British troops were marching. The troops had been pushing on through murky, rainy weather, in the midst of the awful roar of shot and shell. Suddenly there was a rift in the clouds, and the setting sun streaming through shone full upon a figure of the Christ erected by the roadside—that patient Christ whose gospel is a word of peace to a stricken world. The men stood in silence. An officer in the London Scottish writes:

"Shells, fatigue, discomfort were forgotten for the wonderful moment; then the steady march along the long, wet road was resumed."

Whether the world will yet hear or not, Christ's word is a word of peace.

In the center of the most violent and destructive tornado there is a place of perfect calm, untouched and unaffected by the storm. Should not the followers of the Prince of Peace have such a storm center within? The agitation and jostling without are inevitable. The distractions of the world cannot be escaped. It is life. David knew this and cried out a truth for himself and down through the years to us:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

This, and this alone, is the road to inward peace. It is the foundation of world peace. "Just 650 years ago, into a land of strife, was born one of the world's greatest seers, Dante Alighieri. Dante, in exile, sees a vision of the rule of evil in men's hearts, issuing in wars at home and aboard as well as in all manner of crimes against humanity and civilization. He struggles for something better, and just before his ascent up the purgatorial mount begins, he comes to a beautiful little valley green with grass and covered with flowers, 'sweet with a thousand smells.' Here, sitting side by side as friends, comforting one another, and singing together as with one voice a hymn of the Christian Church, Dante finds many former kings, once mortal enemies, governed by feelings of mutual distrust and hatred, now swayed only by the spirit of brotherly love." Dante's vision of peace can only come through inward peace in personal life.

The ideal type of personal power is a combination of magnificent, tireless energy that makes things happen and that mighty poise that holds things together. It is the admiration of all. Poise is the unseen power inferiors feel in their superiors. Poise is the outward expression or fruit of inward peace. Jesus had it. Each of us may have it. The world is languishing for need of it. Let us wait before God in prayer now, and as we do so let us contemplate the greatness of God, let us remember our dependence upon Him, and let us give over our whole selves that He may perfect our character and use us in service to extend His kingdom.—T. O. O. M.

LOVE OUR ENEMIES—CALL THEM FRIENDS.

Christ, the founder of Christianity, loved His enemies. After Judas had betrayed his Master with a kiss, Jesus turned to him, and with tears in His voice, called him "friend." On another occasion Jesus prayed in behalf of His enemies, "Father, forgive them."

To His followers Christ says, "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. * * * And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:27-31.

When the foregoing is the life and motive power in a man, then is seen Christianity. Anything short of this is a farce—a counterfeit Christianity.

Because of the inconsistent lives of professed Christians, many are making serious charges against Christianity. Churchanity and Christianity are confused. The following contrasts will separate Christianity from it scounterfeit:

Christianity loves its enemies.
Counterfeit hates its enemies.
Christianity returns good for evil.
Counterfeit returns evil for evil.
Christianity loves other as herself.
Counterfeit loves herself above others.
Christianity judges and condemns no man.
Counterfeit judges and condemns all men.
Christianity suffers and dies for others.
Counterfeit causes others to suffer and die.
Christianity turns her other cheek to be smitten.
Counterfeit smites both cheeks in return.
Christianity lends, hoping for nothing.
Counterfeit borrows and never returns.
Christianity possesses Christ.
Counterfeit professes Christ.

While the nations are angry and hatred is seen on every side, the gospel of God's love will do for any man what it has always done. As it made Job patient, Moses meek, and Daniel courageous, so will it do for us today. Christianity is not to blame for the abnormal condition of the times, nor for the hatred and hypocrisy of today. Christianity suffereth long and is kind. It knows neither envy nor jealousy. It is not forward and self-assertive, not boastful and conceited. Christianity does not behave unbecomingly, nor seek to aggrandize herself, nor blaze out in passionate anger, nor brood over wrongs. Christianity finds no pleasure in injustice done to others, but joyfully sides with the truth. Christianity knows how to be silent, is full of trust, full of hope, full of patient endurance. While men fail, Christianity never fails! A church may err and continue to err. Christianity never errs and never will err.

PRAYERS.

Father, I pray for the gift of peace. My life is so full of noise and nervousness, of flurry and worry and care. I want the peace of the Son of God whose spirit was never ruffled by the storms that swept over his life. Lay Thy hand on my aching brain and take all the fever out of it. Lay Thy hand on my wildly throbbing heart and help me to look out calmly on life. Lay Thy hand on my careworn spirit and take the weariness out of it. And may the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep my heart and mind in

the knowledge and love of Thy Son. Amen.—Edward Leigh Pell.

Lord Jesus, how it must hurt Thee to see the wild passions of men let loose upon the face of the earth! The smoke is rising today from the upheavals of men's terrible pride; the song of peace is smothered by the rending roar of the vast and lurid carnival of hate. Lord Jesus, come quickly; we need Thy hand, Thy voice, Thy heart of love. But even in this day, O Christ, give us the peace that passeth all understanding in our heart of hearts. As we move in paths of service, speak to us through the crash of civilizations. Thy word of peace to the soul that trusteth in Thee. In Thy dear name we pray. Amen.—Philip Howard.

From trouble and the noise of strife we turn, O Lord, to Thee, our refuge and our hope. Let peace rule in our hearts amid the cries of war, while we wait for the triumph of Thy kingdom. Bring Thine own will to pass in the changes that must come. * * * Let hate and envy die out of men's hearts, and peace and kindness reign. Go with us through the darkness of our suspense and perplexity. Make us lovers of justice between man and man. Give us courage to go on in Thy companionship with full assurance that Thy patience fails not nor is ignorant of the means and of the end. In the name of Christ. Amen.—Isaac Ogden Rankin.

BE A MAN.

It's a mighty good thing while you're running life's race,
Just to pause as you go, and to come face to face
With your conscience, and ask it a question or two,
For it's right you should know what your life means to you.

Have you done things worth while? Have you drifted along?
Have you filled it with sighs? Have you filled it with song?
Have you helped when you should? Have you tried to do right?
Have you struggled for good, or just fought on for might?

Have you given your hand to some fellow in need?
Have you sneered at the man who was not of your creed?
Have you been open-hearted and ready to do?
Have you tried to be just? Have you tried to be true?

In your judgment of men have you always been fair?
Have you learned to forgive in the face of despair?
Have you fought against greed or succumbed to its lust?
Have you learned what it means to protect and to trust?

Oh, it's easy to preach, and it's easy to tell
Of the other chap's faults—but our own faults, ah, well,
We are cowards at times, and the truth, you will find,
Is a thing we dislike, for it's rather unkind.

But the past, let it rest. Give a thought to today
And tomorrow, as well, for the time's growing gray;
Do things that you should, do the best that you can,
Crown your life with your deeds—be a red-blooded man.

—W. Dayton Wegefarth in Mountain States Monitor.

THE ZION OBSERVER.

By B. Dominis.

I stand tonight in Old Zion,
My heart with excitement beats,
I gaze with glad eyes at the pulpit,
But I weep at the empty seats.

As I gaze, my thoughts they wander
Back to the days of yore,
When peace reigned in every corner
And the crowd was packed to the door.

Gone, gone are the old days of Zion,
Its member have all passed away;
Some entered the Heavenly Kingdom,
Others "back numbers," they say.

Must we, the young ones of Zion,
Stand by and see her fall down—
See enemies laugh at their trimph,
And Zion the talk of the town?

I, as the Zion Observer,
See faults of which surely we'll tire,
See people with voices of beauty
Refuse to re-enter our choir.

Help us bring back the days of Old Zion!
The days when we all would rejoice,
The days when we thought it an honor
To lend to Our Father our voice.

Forget petty anger and sorrow,
Forget what we'd like to have done;
Remember we all are but children
In the eyes of the Glorified One.

Children with one strong endeavor,
With one worthy aim in sight;
Children who will keep together,
No matter how hard be the fight.

So, rally around Old Zion!
Come, each one enter the race—
The race to strive for Jesus,
Our goal, His Heavenly Grace.

FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MARCH 1, 1918, TO MAY 31, 1918.

IDA V. SMITH, Treasurer.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Brooklyn District.

First Episcopal District.

Mrs. Ida L. Wallace, Dist. Pres., Third Quarterly Mass Meeting, New Rochelle, March 7, 1918.

Fleet Memorial, W. H. Quittah Bldg.	$10.00	
Fleet Memorial		$12.00
Fleet Memorial, Supply	1.00	
New Rochelle, Supply	.25	8.00
Mrs. A. L. Alleyne, Life Member	7.50	
Mt. Vernon	4.50	4.25
Mt. Vernon, Supply	.25	
Portchester, Supply	.25	1.00
Portchester	1.00	
District for Quittah		6.75
	$24.75	$32.00

Y. W. H.

Mrs. J. A. C. Boyd.

Fleet Memorial, Y's	$ 2.50	$ 2.50
Fleet Memorial, Supply	.25	
New Rochelle, Supply	.25	
New Rochelle, G. T.	1.00	3.00
Mt. Vernon, G. T.	1.75	2.50
Mt. Vernon, Supply	.25	
	$6.00	$8.00

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. M. Moore, Dist. Supt.

Fleet Memorial, Buds	$ .50	

SUMMARY.

W. H.

General Treasury	$15.50	
Quittah Bldg.	32.00	
Supply	1.75	
Life Member	7.50	
		$56.75
Y. W. H.	5.25	
Supply	.75	
Quittah	8.00	
		14.00
Buds of Promise	.50	
		.50
Total third quarter		$ 71.25

Mrs. Ida L. Wallace, Fourth Quarterly Mass Meeting.

Mrs. Ida L. Wallace, Quittah	$ 2.05	
Quittah	33.50	
Fleet Memorial, Brooklyn	7.00	
Fleet Memorial, Brooklyn Supply	.50	
Mrs. Laura Futford, Quittah Bldg.	22.25	
Mt. Vernon, Q. Bldg.	8.70	
Mt. Vernon, Supply	2.00	
Mt. Vernon, G. T.	5.00	
New Rochelle	3.50	
New Rochelle, Supply	.50	
Port Chester, G. T.	3.00	
Port Chester, Supply	.50	
Port Chester, Quittah	8.50	
		97.00

Y. W. H.

Mrs. J. A. C. Boyd, Dist. Secy.

Fleet Memorial	$ 2.00	
Fleet Memorial, Supply	.50	
Quittah Bldg.	5.00	
Mt. Vernon	2.00	
Mt. Vernon, Supply	1.00	
Mt. Vernon, Quittah	3.00	
New Rochelle	1.00	
New Rochelle, Supply	.50	
New Rochelle, Quittah	.50	
Portchester, Supply	.15	
Portchester, Quittah	1.00	
		16.65

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. M. Moore, Dist. Supt.

Mt. Vernon, Quittah	$1.00	
Mt. Vernon, Supply	.10	
New Rochelle, G. T.	.50	
New Rochelle, Supply	.50	
Portchester, G. T.	1.10	
Portchester, Supply	.25	
		3.45

SUMMARY.

W. H., General Treasurer	$18.50	
Supply	3.50	
Quittah	75.00	
		$ 97.00
Y. W. H.	5.00	
Supply	2.15	
Quittah	9.50	
		16.65
Buds of Promise, General Treasurer	1.60	
Supply	.85	
Quittah	1.00	
		3.45
		$188.35

Total for Brooklyn District, $188.35

Hudson River District.

Mrs. Alice Judd, Dist. Pres.

W. H.	$15.50	
Supply	2.00	
		$17.50
Y. W. H., G. Treas.	3.25	
Buds, G. Treas.	4.25	
		25.00

Total for Hudson River District, $25.00
Total New York Conference, $213.35

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Boston District.

Mrs. Rhoda Stanley, Mass Meeting held April 24, Columbus Avenue Church.

Mrs. T. A. Auten, Dist. Pres., Third Quar. Mass Meeting, April 24, 1918.

Quittah Bldg. from the District W. H. $63.75 $3.00

		Supply	Contingent Fund
Boston	$ 5.00	$ .25	$ .25
Cambridge	.50	.25	
First Church, Providence	1.00	.25	
Second Church, Providence	1.00	.25	
Worcester, Mass.	1.00	.25	
New Bedford, Mass.	2.25	.25	
Attleboro	.50	.25	
Amherst	1.00	.25	
	$12.25	$ 2.00	$ .25

Y. W. H.

Boston	$ .10	
Worcester	.20	
New Bedford	.10	
	$ .40	

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Boston	$ .05	
Worcester	.05	
New Bedford	.05	
Cambridge	.05	
Attleboro	.05	
	$ .25	
		$ 15.15
Total		$ 78.90

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Rhoda Stanley, Mass Meeting held April 24.

Columbus Ave. Church	$ 3.00	
		$ 3.00

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. M. A. Cartwright, Dist. Supt.

		African Boy
Boston Church	$ 4.00	$ 1.00
Cambridge, Mrs. L. Freeman	.25	.25
Worcester, James Steard	2.00	
Attleboro, Mary L. Taylor	1.00	1.00
New Bedford	2.50	1.00
Second Church, Providence, I. Cisco	.25	
Second Church, Providence, Mrs. Higgs	.50	
	$10.50	$ 3.25
		$ 13.75

W. H.

Mrs. Ella Richie, Boston Church, Quittah	$ 9.50
Mrs. Rosa L. Weller, New Bedford, Quittah	10.00
	$ 19.50

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$12.25	
Quittah	83.25	
Supply	2.00	
Contingent fund	.25	
		97.75

Supply	.40	
Y. W. H.	3.00	
		3.40
Buds	10.50	
African Boy	3.25	
Supply	.25	
		14.00
Boston District		$115.15

Hartford District.

Mass Meeting, February.

W. H.

Mrs. Della Eley, Dist. Pres.

New Haven, Conn.	$ 1.00	
Bridgeport, Conn.	1.50	
Willimantic, Conn.	1.75	
Norwich, Conn.	.25	
Derby, Conn.	.75	
New Britain, Conn.	.75	
Torrington, Conn.	.25	
Danbury, Conn.	.75	
Plainville, Conn.	.75	
New London, Conn.	.25	
		$ 8.00
Mrs. Martha B. Francis, Y. W. H.		1.50

Y. W. H.

Mrs. J. B. Wallace, Dist. Supt.

Bridgeport, Conn.	$ 1.00	
Willimantic, Conn.	1.00	
Waterbury, Conn.	.50	
Danbury, Conn.	.25	
Hayden Station, Conn.	.25	
Middletown, Conn.	.25	
New Britain, Conn.	.25	
	.50	
		$ 4.00

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$ 8.00	
Y. W. H.	1.50	
Buds	4.00	
		$13.50
		$128.65

Hartford District, $13.50
Total New England Conference, $128.65

CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Fayette District.

W. H.

Mrs. B. J. Elliott, Parkton, N. C.	$25.00	
Mrs. Geneva Garrison, Tar Hill, Y. W. H.	20.00	
Mrs. Plummer Devan, Red Spring, Y W. H.	18.00	
		$63.00

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$25.00	
Y. W. H.	20.00	
Buds	18.00	
		$63.00

Total Central N. Carolina Conference, $63.00
Total First District, $405.00

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE.

New Jersey District.

Second Episcopal District.

Bishop G. W. Clinton.

Miss Ruth Ramsey, Red Bank, N. J., Quittah ---- $ 1.00 — $ 1.00

Rev. F. Randolph, A. Conf., Asbury Park, May 8.

W. H.

Trenton	$ 1.75	
Bayonne	2.00	
Red Bank	2.00	
Newark	2.00	
Somerville	1.00	
Eatontown	1.50	
W. New Brighton	1.25	
Burlington	2.00	
Ridgewood	2.00	
Englewood	1.25	
Jersey City	1.00	
Matawan	3.00	
Middletown	1.50	
		$25.25
Mrs. Anna Vannest, Somerville, L. Mem.	3.00	
Burlington	.50	
Supply	2.45	
Quittah Bldg.	100.00	
		128.20

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Anna Harper, Dist. Secy.

Bayonne	$ .75	
Camden	.75	
Ridgewood	.75	
Closter	.75	
Trenton	.75	
Somerville	1.00	
Jersey City	.50	
Supply	.85	
Quittah	100.00	
		106.10

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Carrie Goode, Dist. Supt.

Rossville	$ 1.75	
Red Bank	.50	
Eatontown	1.00	
Jersey City	1.00	
Burlington	.75	
Somerville	1.00	
Bayonne	1.50	
Supply	.65	
Mrs. Cora Davis, Life Member	5.00	
Quittah	100.00	
		112.15

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$22.25	
Supply	2.45	
Life Member	3.50	
Quittah	101.00	
Y. W. H.	5.25	
Supply	.85	
Quittah	100.00	
Buds	6.50	
Supply	.65	
Life Member	5.00	
Quittah	100.00	
		$105.65
		$347.45

Total New Jersey Conference, $347.45

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Charlotte District.

Mrs. Bessie Watkins, Dist. Pres.

W. H.

Clinton Chapel	$ 5.00	
East Stonewall	4.00	
Myers Chapel	3.00	
Bethel	3.00	
Greenville Tabernacle	2.50	
Rossville	2.00	
Commerce Grove	2.00	
Middle St., Charlotte	1.50	
Wrights Chapel	1.00	
Fleasant Ridge	1.00	
Mt. Zion	1.00	
China Grove	1.00	
Jonesville	.50	
		$27.50

Statesville District.

Mrs. Annie Robinson, Pres.

W. H.

Cleveland, N. C.	$ 7.00	
Cleveland, N. C.	3.00	
Belmont, Statesville	1.00	
Belmont, Statesville	5.00	
Troutman, N. C.	1.00	
Hickory, N. C.	2.00	
Hickory, N. C.	1.00	
		$20.00

Lincolnton District.

Mrs. T. B. Hasson, Gastonia, N. C.	$ 3.00	
		$ 50.50

Total W. North Carolina Conference, $50.50

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

Hendersonville District.

Mrs. Ella Quinn, Second Quar., April, 1918.

St. Paul Church, W. H.	$ 2.10	
Mrs. Flontie C. Edwards, St. Paul Church, Quar., April, Y. W. H.	2.00	
Mrs. M. J. Branner, Hendersonville Church, Buds	1.25	
		$ 5.35

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$ 2.10	
Y. W. H.	2.00	
Buds	1.25	
		$ 5.35

Total Blue Ridge Conference, $5.35

EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Lebanon District.

Mrs. Alice Wilder, Va., W. H. $ 3.00
Mrs. Alice Wilder, Quittah 3.50
$ 6.50

Lebanon District, $6.50

Bristol District.

Mrs. N. E. Godsey, W. H. $ 2.48
Mrs. M. Green Johnson, City, Tenn. 1.50
$ 3.98

Bristol District, $3.98

Greenville District.

BUDS OF PROMISE.
Mrs. R. A. Cobb, Dist. Supt. (Last Year Report).
Mrs. R. A. Cobb, Annual Conference $ 2.00
Mrs. Bessie Hoard 3.00
Mrs. J. D. Gaither 1.00
Mrs. J. L. Williams 1.00
$ 7.00

Greenville District, $7.00
Total East Tennessee Conference, $17.48
Total Second District, $421.78

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Tuskegee District.

Third Episcopal District.
Bishop J. W. Alstork.
Mrs. J. H. McCullen, Report July, 1916.
Mrs. J. H. McCullen, W. H. $ 1.00
Y. W. H.
Mrs. Fannie Moore, Galbraith, Ala.,
Franklin Church $ 1.00
Solomon Chapel 1.00
$ 3.00

Mrs. J. W. Alstork (Convocation), April 19-21.
Mrs. Dasie Weston, W. H. $ 8.25
Mrs. Fannie Moore, Y. W. H. 2.00
Mrs. Maggie Palard, Buds 2.00
$12.25

Union Springs District.

Mrs. Willie Bowers, W. H. 5.00
Mrs. Ella Laramore, Y. W. H. 5.90
Mrs. Ella Laramore, Buds 5.00
15.90

Opelika District.

Mrs. L. J. Bowin, W. H. 10.00
Mrs. Hortense Fuller, Y. W. H. 2.00
Mrs. Savannah Cunningham, Buds 1.75
13.75
$ 44.90

SUMMARY.
W. H. $24.25
Y. W. H. 11.90
Buds 8.75
$44.90

Total Alabama Conference, $44.90

SOUTH EAST ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. M. L. Taylor, V. Pres., Y. W. H. $ 5.00
Miss Carrie Madison 5.00
Mrs. Sarah Thorton, Buds 6.80
$16.80

Troy District.

Rev. J. W. Hicks, P. E., W. H. 1.00
Rev. J. W. Hicks, P. E., Y. W. H. 1.09
2.09

SUMMARY.
W. H. $ 6.00
Y. W. H. 6.09
Buds 6.80
$18.89

Total South East Alabama Conference, $18.89

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Birmingham District.

Mrs. Daisy Johnson, W. H. $30.00
Mrs. Velma Mosely, Y. W. H. 10.00
Mrs. Pinkie Martin, Buds 7.55
$47.55

Tuscaloosa District.

Mrs. Ada M. Hall, W. H. $10.00
Mrs. Lelia Jackson, Y. W. H. 8.00
Mrs. Rhoda Woods, Buds 3.36
$21.36

North Birmingham District.

Mrs. C. J. Stevenson, W. H. $15.00
Mrs. M. A. Sharp, Y. W. H. 8.00
Mrs Rpzinia Moore, Buds 4.55
$27.55

Pratt City District.

Mrs. G. H. Moore, W. H. $10.00
Mrs. P. E. Gilmor, Y. W. H. 18.00
Mrs. P. E. Gilmor, Buds 2.25
$30.25

SUMMARY.
W. H. $65.00
Y. W. H. 44.00
Buds 17.71
$126.71

Total North Alabama Conference, $126.71

SOUTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Burton District.

Mrs. Susan Page, W. H. $ 4.00
Mrs. Annetta Batchelor, Y. W. H. 4.00
Mrs. Annetta Batchelor, Buds 3.25
$11.25

Georgina District.

Mrs. E. M. Brook, W. H. $10.00
Mrs. May Jones, Y. W. H. 5.00
Mrs. May Jones, Buds 1.00
$16.00

Greenville District.

Mrs. Eliza Payne, W. H. $12.00
Mrs. Lemmie Martin, Y. W. H. 8.00
Mrs. Amanda Stalling, Buds 1.40
$21.40
One Half Convocation, W. H. 19.35

SUMMARY.
W. H. $45.35
Y. W. H. 17.00
Buds 5.65
$ 68.00

South Alabama Conference, $68.00

CAHABA CONFERENCE.

Selma District.

Mrs. N. A. Bennitt, W. H. $20.00
Miss Tennessee Jackson, Y. W. H. 10.00
Miss Cora King, Buds 10.38
$40.38

Greensboro District.

Mrs. A. Saunders, W. H. $ 4.00
Mrs. Lucille McMurry, Y. W. H. 3.00
Mrs. Jennie Whitted, Buds 2.00
$ 9.00

Demopolis District.

Mrs. L. S. Blackledge, W. H. $18.00
Mrs. L. S. Kyles, Y. W. H. 8.00
Mrs. Mattie Posey, Buds 3.97
$29.97

SUMMARY.
W. H. $42.00
Y. W. H. 21.00
Buds 16.35
$ 79.35

Cahaba Conference, $79.35
Total for Third District, $337.85

PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Philadelphia District.

Fourth Episcopal District.
Bishop J. S. Caldwell.
Mrs. Ella J. Caldwell, Dist. Pres., Quarter ending March, 11th.
Miss Ella Kane, York, Pa., W. H. $ 1.41
Mrs. Catherine Carroll, Y. W. H. 1.00
$ 2.41

Mrs. Ella J. Caldwell, third quarterly Mass Meeting.
Mrs. Martha Hicks, Phila., Pa., W. H. $ 5.00
Mrs. Mary Barnes, Phila., Pa. 1.75
Mrs. Baxter, Phila., Pa. 1.50
Mrs. Rachel Whitted, Phila., Pa. 4.33
Mrs. Nettie Johnson, Allentown 1.00
Mrs. Essie Duncan, Wilmington 1.00
Mrs. D. C. Brown, Phila., Pa. 2.00
Mrs. Moody, Avondale, Pa. 1.00
Rev. Young, Newtown, Pa. .50
Over amount .10
$18.18

Mrs. Alice Burchett, Dist. Secy.
Mrs. Cecilia Johnson, Allentown, Y. W. H. $ 1.00
Mrs. Hicks, Phila., Pa. .50
Rev. Whitted, Phila., Pa. .50
$ 2.00

Mrs. Nettie Blalock, Dist. Supt.

Mrs. May Siglar, Harrisburg, Pa.	.50
Mrs. Mamie Turner, Avondale, Pa.	.50
Mrs. T. A. Fenderson, Media, Pa.	1.00
Mrs. Spencer, Wilmington, Del.	.50
Rev. Young, Newtown, Pa.	.50
	$ 3.00
Mrs. Ella J. Caldwell, Ann. Conv., Quittah	19.31
Mrs. Martha Hicks, Wesley Union, Phila.	14.00
Mrs. Mary Barnes, Varick	5.00
Rev. Hicks, Grace	2.50
Rev. D. P. Whitted, Bethesaida	2.00
Rev. Lamb, Calvary	1.00
Rev. Tucker, Delta	1.00
Mrs. V. B. Baxter, Walters Union	1.00
Rev. J. M. Duncan, Wilmington, Del.	3.00
Rev. J. M. Davis, Allentown, St. James	11.10
Rev. Turner, Avondale	1.00
Mrs. M. Steward, Harrisburg, Pa.	3.00
Rev. Brisco, Harrisburg, Pa.	1.00
Rev. Pile, Frankford, Pa.	.50
	$65.41

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Alice Burchett, Annual Convention.

Mrs. Alice Burchett, Wesley Union, Phila.	$1.00
Mrs. Martha Hicks, Grace	.75
Rev. D. P. Whitted, Bethsaida	1.00
Miss Catherine Carroll, York	1.00
Miss Catherine Carroll, York, Quittah	1.00
Mrs. M. D. Duncan, Wilmington	1.00
	$ 5.75

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Bettie Blalock, Dist. Supt., Annual Conference.

Mrs. Georgia Crawford, Phila.	$ 3.00
Mrs. M. L. Turner, Avondale	2.00
Mrs. Lucy Wade, Varick	1.00
Rev. D. P. Whitted, Bethsaida	1.00
Mrs. Ella Nuttor, Grace	.75
Miss Catherine Carroll, York, Pa.	1.00
Rev. Davis, Allentown	2.00
Rev. Tucker, Delta	1.00
Mrs. S. Foster, York	2.00
Mrs. F. Shirly, Harris Chapel	1.00
Mrs. M. Zigler	4.00
Mrs. Etta Fenderson, Media	1.25
Mrs. Duncan, Wilmington	1.00
	$20.00
Annal Convention	$91.16

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$65.69
Y. W. H.	8.75
Buds	23.00
Quittah	19.31
	$116.75

Total Philadelphia District, $116.75

Washington District.

Miss Sarah J. Janifer, Dist. Pres.

W. H.

Mrs. Ruth Bird, Mt. Holly, Pa.	$ 1.00
Girls Dormitory, By District	11.50
Quittah Building	19.31
Mrs. Nellie Callis, Metropolitan Church	22.86
Mrs. Annie Owens, Union Wesley	9.50
Mrs. Gertrude McDonald, John Wesley	2.00
Miss Emma Wallace, Galbraith	5.00
Mrs. Serena Edmonds, Trinity	1.00
Rev. Henderson, Trinity	.25
Rev. Logan Johnson, Burrville	.75
Mrs. Lizzie Mitchel, Arlington, Va.	2.00
Mrs. Bessie Crump, Woodwardville	1.00
Mrs. Katie Washington, Carlisle	1.00
Rev. Davis, Chambersburg	4.00
Rev. Jones, St. James	2.00
Mrs. Long, Gettysburg, Pa.	6.00
Mrs. M. C. Foulk, Indian Sc., Carlisle, Quittah	.50

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Ada Battle, Dist. Secy., Annual Convention.

Mrs. O. Harris, Union Wesley	$ 2.00
Mrs. G. C. Brown, John Wesley	1.50
Miss Mable Trust, Galbraith	5.76
Mrs. Eunice Henning, Arlington, Va.	1.25
Rev. H. J. Callis, Metropolitan	1.00
	$11.51

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Miss Florence Wye, Dist. Supt.

Dr. J. C. Coleman, John Wesley	$ 2.00
Mrs. G. Anderson, Galbraith	1.50
Mrs. Mamie Carter, Arlington, Va.	1.00
Rev. Ashton, Rockville	1.00
Third Quarter:	
Mrs. G. Anderson, Galbraith	1.00
Mrs. Susie King, Trinity	1.25
Mrs. Mamie Carter, Arlington, Va.	.75
	$ 8.50

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$58.86
Girls Dormitory	11.50
Quittah	19.31
Y. W. H.	11.51
Buds	8.50
	$109.68

Salisbury District.

Rev. Janetta Johs, Baltimore	$ .50
Philadelphia District	$116.75
Washington District	109.68
Salisbury District	.50
	$226.93

Total Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference, $226.93

ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE.

Pittsburg District.

Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Dist. Pres.

W. H.

		Supply
Dr. B. F. Hawkins, John Wesley	$ 1.50	$ 1.00
Mrs. Lena Toliver, Mt. Washington	.50	
Mrs. Maggie Watkins, Carnegie	1.00	1.00
Mrs. Mary Coy, Mt. Pleasant	1.00	
Mrs. W. H. Randolph, Blairsville	1.00	2.00
Mrs. Pearl Young, Myersdale	1.00	
Mrs. Ollie Rannals, Oakdale	2.00	
Mrs. Lena Hall, Johnstown	1.00	
Mrs. Lavinia Gamble, Pittsburg, V. C. E. Mission	1.00	
	$10.00	$ 4.00

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Jennie Dobbins, Dist. Secy.

Mrs. Naomi Walker, Pittsburg	$ 2.00	$ 1.00
Mrs. Ellen Poole, Johnstown	2.00	2.00
Mrs. Hazel Rennals	1.00	
Rev. J. H. Johnson	.50	
Mrs. F. L. Butler, Homewood	1.00	
Dr. W. D. Clinton, West End	.50	
Rev. B. F. Combash, Myersdale	1.00	
Mrs. Blanch Lantz, Mt. Pleasant	1.00	
	$ 9.00	$ 3.00

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Annie L. Smith, Dist. Supt.

Mrs. M. E. Dockett, Pittsburg	$ 1.25	
Mrs. Esther Williams, Homewood	.50	
Mrs. A. F. Smith, Mt. Washington	.50	
Mrs. Rosa Moore, Carnegie	1.00	
Miss Christie Jacobs, Johnstown	1.00	.50
Rev. Combash, Myersdale	1.00	
Oakdale	1.00	
	$ 6.25	$ .50

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$10.00
Supply	4.00
Y. W. H.	9.00
Supply	3.00
Buds, Supply	.50
Buds	6.25
	$ 32.75

Mass Meeting, February 26, 1918, $32.75
Third Quarterly Mass Meeting, Oakdale, May 2, 1918.

W. H.

		Supply	L. Mem.
Dr. B. F. Hawkins, John Wesley	$ 2.00		
Rev. W. H. Johnson, Mt. Wash.	1.00		
Mrs. Maggie Washington, Carnegie	1.00		
Mrs. Laura B. Hall, Johnstown	1.00	$ 1.00	
Mrs. Emily Stevens, Life Member in full			$15.00
Mrs. Mary Coy, Mt. Pleasant	1.00		
Mrs. Pearl Young, Myersdale	1.00		
Miss May Johnson, Uniontown	.50		
Miss Lavinia Gamble, V. C. E. M.	1.00		
Miss Jennie Simpson, Oakdale	3.00		
	$13.00	$ 1.00	$ 15.00

Y. W. H.

Miss Naomi Walker, Pittsburg	$ 1.00		
Miss Naomi Walker, life member for Mrs. Rosa Ringold			$20.00
Miss F. Butler, Homewood	1.00		
W. E., Pittsburg	1.00		
Mrs. Ellen Poole, Johnstown	1.00	2.00	
Carnegie, Pa.	1.00		
Miss Blanch Lantz, Mt. Pleasant	1.00		
Uniontown, Pa.	1.00		
Myersdale, Pa.	1.00		
Blairsville, Pa.	1.00		
Washington, Pa.	1.00		
Oakdale, Pa.	1.00		
	$11.00	$ 2.00	$ 20.00

BUDS OF PROMISE.

John Wesley, Pittsburg, Pa.	$ 2.00	
West End, Pittsburg	.50	
Homewood	.50	
Mt. Washington	1.00	
Carnegie	1.00	
Washington	1.00	
Mt. Pleasant	.50	
Blairsville	1.00	
Scottdale	.50	
Uniontown	.50	
Mrs. Rosa Blair, Myersdale	1.00	
Mrs. Christie Hill, Johnstown	1.00	
Oakdale, Pa.	1.00	
	$11.50	
Mrs. Anna Redd, Carnegie, Pa., Quittah Bldg.		$1.20

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$13.00	
Quittah	1.20	
Supply	1.00	
Life Member	15.00	
Y. W. H.	11.00	
Supply	3.00	
Life Member	20.00	
Buds	11.50	
		$ 74.70

Total for third quarter, May 21, $74.70
Total Allegheny Conference, $107.45
Total for Fourth District, $334.38

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Fifth Episcopal District.
Bishop G. L. Blackwell.

Mrs. Eudora Green, Mich., Balance due Pagent.

Mrs. Eudora Green, by Mrs. H. Peters	$ 6.00	
Mrs. Eudora Green, Walter Church	11.50	
Mrs. Eudora Green, Mrs. Mamie Wesley, L. Mem.	20.00	
Mrs. Eudora Green, Mrs. Hattie Jackson, L. Mem.	20.00	
Mrs. Eudora Green, Mrs. Lenora Thomas, L. Mem.	20.00	
		$ 77.50

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$17.50	
Life Members	60.00	
		$ 77.50

Total Michigan Conference, $77.50

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Petersburg District.

Mrs. Fannie Rogers, Oak St., Quittah	$ 2.00	
Mrs. May Williams, Gabriels Chapel	2.00	
		$ 4.00

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$ 2.00	
Quittah	2.00	
		$ 4.00

Total Virginia Conference, $4.00

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE.

Edenton District.

Mrs. E. A. Felton, Mass M., Y. W. H.	$ 8.50	
Mrs. E. A. Felton, for Mrs. L. Benby	1.50	
		$ 10.00

Elizabeth City District.

Mrs. Rosa White, Durant Neck, Leighs Temple, Buds	$ 1.25	

SUMMARY.

Y. W. H.	$10.00	
Buds	1.25	
		$ 11.25

Total Albemarle Conference, $11.25
Total Fifth District, $92.75

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

New Bern District.

Sixth Episcopal District.
Bishop A. J. Warner.

Y. W. H.

Mrs. Maggie Chapman, Dist. Secy.

Mrs. Maggie Chapman, S. S. Peters Church	$ 9.00	
		$ 9.00

Washington District.

Mrs. Emma King, Aden, N. C., W. H.	$ 2.00	
		$ 2.00

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$ 2.00	
Y. W. H.	9.00	
		$ 11.00

Total North Carolina Conference, $11.00

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

Goldsboro District.

Rev. J. H. Mosely, P. E.

W. H.

Rev. J. B. Martin, Paul Chapel	$ 3.00	
Rev. A. E. Husdon, Mt. Olive	1.50	
Rev. A. Musgrave, Snow Hill	1.25	
Rev. H. P. Walker, Doddy Church	1.50	
Rev. A. J. Rods, Saratoga Springs	.80	
Rev. B. J. Kornegay, Kinston	1.50	
Rev. J. W. Edwards, Saratoga Mission	1.00	
Mrs. Lizzie Brock	2.40	
		$ 12.95

Y. W. H.

Mrs. S. A. Cook, Goldsboro for the District	$ 9.00	
Quittah Bldg.	5.00	
		$ 14.00

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Sarah Oliver, for the District	$ 3.50	

Wilmington District.

Mrs. Carrie Boom, Roseboro, W. H.	$ 1.00	

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$13.95	
Y. W. H.	9.00	
Quittah	5.00	
Buds	3.50	
		$ 31.45

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

Milton District.

Mrs. Anna Leak, Lakewood, Fla., W. H.		$1.50

SUMMARY.

W. H.		$1.50

Total Florida Conference, $1.50
Total Sixth District, $43.95

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

St. Louis District.

Seventh Episcopal District.
Bishop L. W. Kyles.

Mrs. Lucy Bledsoe, Dist. Pres.

W. H.

Mrs. Ellzabeth Keley, Metropolitan Church	$ 3.69	
Mrs. Ella Smith, St. Marks Church	2.00	
Mrs. Eva Chambers, St. John Church	1.25	
Mrs. Rosa Givens, Blackwell Chapel	1.00	
Collection for the District	8.00	
	$15.94	

SUMMARY.

W. H.		$15.94

Total Missouri Conference, $15.94

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. E. D. Scott, for Mrs. Sarah Love, W. H. ---- $ 1.00 ---- $ 1.00

SUMMARY.

W. H. ---- $1.00

Total Indiana Conference, $1.00

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Pine Bluff District.

Mrs. Ida A. Snow, Grady, Ark., Dist. Quittah, W. H. ---- $14.00
Mrs. Sallie S. Moores, Pine Bluff, Quittah, W. H. ---- 5.00 ---- $ 19.00

SUMMARY.

W. H., Quittah ---- $19.00

Total Arkansas Conference, $19.00

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Pacific District.

Mrs. A. O. Jackson, Howard Chapel, Buds ---- $5.00

SUMMARY.

Buds ---- $5.00

Total California Conference, $5.00

OREGON CONFERENCE.

Mrs. Louisa Thomas, Portland, Me., Quittah, W. H. ---- $5.00

SUMMARY.

W. H., Quittah ---- $5.00

Total Oregon Conference, $5.00
Total for Seventh District, $45.94

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Spartanburg District.

Eighth Episcopal District.
Bishop R. B. Bruce.
Mrs. Ferguson Kuff, Columbia, for James Chapel, W. H. $5.00

SUMMARY.

W. H. ---- $5.00

Total (Eighth Dist.) South Carolina Conference, $5.00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Delhi District.

Ninth Episcopal District.
Bishop W. L. Lee.
Mrs. Dora White, Eagermont, Miss., W. H. ---- $1.00

SUMMARY.

W. H. ---- $1.00

Total (Ninth Dist.) Louisiana Conference, $1.00

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Chattanooga District.

Tenth Episcopal District.
Bishop G. C. Clement.
Mrs. Annie White, Ridgedale, W. H., quarter ending April 17, 1918 ---- $3.40
Mrs. Bertha Singleton, St. Elmo, Patten Mem., Buds ---- 1.50

Knoxville District.

Mrs. Cora E. Burke, last quarter ---- $3.00

Athens District.

Mrs. Lola Carter, Kizer, Tenn., quarter ending April [illegible] 1918 ---- W. H. $1.85
[illegible] quarter ending April 21, 1918, Buds ---- .31

SUMMARY.

W. H. ---- $8.25
Buds ---- 1.81

Total Tennessee Conference ---- $10.06

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

Louisville District.

Mrs. Mary E. Merritt, for Jacob St. Tabernacle, Y. W. H. $2.25

SUMMARY.

Y. W. H. ---- $2.25

Total Kentucky Conference, $2.25

WEST KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

Madisonville District.

Mrs. Lucy Selectman, Dist. Pres.

W. H.
Convention May 3, 1918, Clay, Ky. ---- $34.00
Mrs. Mollie Hick, Sebree, Ky. (Brideville Chap.) 1.12

BUDS OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Eddie Hines, Earlington, Ky., Quittah Bldg. 2.00
Mrs. Jane Johnson, Henderson, Ky. ---- 1.00 ---- $ 38.12

SUMMARY.

W. H. ---- $35.12
Buds ---- 1.00
Quittah ---- 2.00 ---- $ 38.12

Total West Kentucky Conference, $38.12

WEST TENNESSEE AND MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Summer District.

Mrs. Ella Sanders, Drew, Miss., W. H. ---- $ 5.00
Mrs. Willie Ballard, Rome, Miss., Y. W. H. ---- 4.65 ---- $ 9.65

SUMMARY.

W. H. ---- $ 5.00
Y. W. H. ---- 4.65 ---- $ 9.65

Total West Tennessee and Mississippi Conference, $9.65
Total Tenth District, $60.08

MISCELLANEOUS—QUITTAH.

Lawyer S. M. Dudley, Quittah Bldg. ---- $ 5.00
Mr. Bennie Williams, Washington, D. C. ---- 1.00
Mrs. H. Peters ---- 7.23 ---- $ 13.23

Total Quittah, $13.23

BY DISTRICTS AND CONFERENCES.

First Episcopal District.

New York Conference ---- $213.35
New England Conference ---- 128.65
Central North Carolina Conference ---- 63.00 ---- $405.00

Total, First District, $405.00

Second Episcopal District—Bishop G. W. Clinton.

New Jersey Conference ---- $347.45
Western North Carolina Conference ---- 50.50
Blue Ridge Conference ---- 5.35
East Tennessee Conference ---- 17.48 ---- $420.78

Total, Second District, $420.78

Third Episcopal District—Bishop J. W. Alstork.

Alabama Conference ---- $ 44.90
North Alabama Conference ---- 126.71
South Alabama Conference ---- 68.00
South East Alabama Conference ---- 18.89
Cahaba Conference ---- 79.35 ---- $337.85

Total Third District, $337.85

Fourth Episcopal District—Bishop J. S. Caldwell.

Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference	$226.93	
Allegheny Conference	107.45	
		$334.38

Total Fourth District, $334.38

Fifth Episcopal District—Bishop G. L. Blackwell.

Michigan Conference	$ 77.50	
Virginia Conference	4.00	
Albemarle Conference	11.25	
		$ 92.75

Total, Fifth District, $92.75

Sixth Episcopal District—Bishop A. J. Warner.

North Carolina Conference	$ 11.00	
Cape Fear Conference	31.45	
Florida Conference	1.50	
		$ 43.95

Total, Sixth District, $43.95

Seventh Episcopal District—Bishop L. W. Kyles.

Missouri Conference	$ 15.94	
Indiana Conference	1.00	
Arkansas Conference	19.00	
California Conference	5.00	
Oregon Conference	5.00	
		$ 45.94

Total, Seventh District, $45.94

Eighth Episcopal District—Bishop R. B. Bruce.

South Carolina Conference	$ 5.00

Total, Eighth District, $5.00

Ninth Episcopal District—Bishop W. L. Lee.

Louisiana Conference	$ 1.00

Total Ninth District, $1.00

Tenth Episcopal District—Bishop G. C. Clement.

Tennessee Conference	$ 10.06	
Kentucky Conference	2.25	
West Kentucky Conference	38.12	
West Tennessee and Mississippi Conference	9.65	
	$60.08	

Total, Tenth District, $60.80

Grand Total by Districts	$1,746.75	
Miscellaneous	13.25	$1,759.96
Total from all sources		$1,759.96

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS.

First District	$405.00	
Second, Bishop G. W. Clinton	420.78	
Third, Bishop J. W. Alstork	337.85	
Fourth, Bishop J. S. Caldwell	334.38	
Fifth, Bishop G. L. Blackwell	92.75	
Sixth, Bishop A. J. Warner	43.95	
Seventh, Bishop L. W. Kyles	45.94	
Eighth District, R. B. Bruce	5.00	
Ninth District, W. L. Lee	1.00	
Tenth District, G. C. Clement	60.08	$1,746.75
Miscellaneous	13.23	
Grand Total from all sources		$1,759.96
Received	$1,759.96	
Disbursed	1,080.45	
Balance		$ 679.51

DISBURSEMENTS.

March, April and May, 1918.

March 29—To Mrs. E. Green Smith, Pittsburg, Pa., gas bill for Mrs. Peters and Tshbalala	$ 2.50
Miss Tshbalala's expressage on trunk to Cambridge, Mass.	2.65
Officers' salaries, February and March:	
Mrs. A. W. Blackwell	50.00
Mrs. M. L. Clinton	25.00
Mrs. Ida V. Smith	41.66
Mrs. Victoria Richardson	25.00
March 30—Treasurer's Expenses:	
54 letters at 3 cents	1.62
26 postals at 2 cents	.52
Supply Department	10.00
Life Members	7.50
Quittah Building	40.00—$ 206.45

Total for March, $206.45

April 13—Miss Victoria Richardson, to printing circulars, letters for Missionary Drive	$ 6.40
Extra charges on trunk to Boston, Mass., for Miss Tshbalala, Wells, Fargo & Co. Exp.	2.55
General Treasurer's Expenses:	
Mailing 79 letters at 3 cents	2.37
One registered letter	.13
Postal cards	.04
Parcel Post on book	.09
Pen points	.05
April 30—Reserved Fund:	
Life Members	20.00
Quittah Fund	19.00—$ 50.63

Total for April, $50.63

May 20, 1918—To W. H. Goler, Girls' Dormitory	$ 11.50
May 30, 1918—To Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, salary April and May	50.00
Mrs. M. L. Clinton, salary April and May	25.00
Mrs. Ida V. Smith, salary April and May	41.70
Miss Victoria Richardson, salary April and May	25.00
General Treasurer's Office Expenses:	
1 box paper fastener	.25
60 postals and two tablets	1.40
145 letters at 3 cents	4.35
Paid to Reserved Treas., life members	83.50
African Boy	3.25
Contingent Fund	.25
Supply	18.10
Quittah Building	559.07—$ 823.37

Three Months—Total, $1,080.45

SUMMARY.

W. H.	$1,119.74	
Y. W. H.	363.55	
Buds	278.17	$1,761.46

Grand Total, all sources, $1,761.46

RESERVED FUND.

Life Members	$ 111.00
Supply	28.10
Contingent Fund	.25
African Boy	3.25
Girls' Dormitory	11.50
Quittah Building	618.07—

FOURTH QUARTER, THREE MONTHS.

	Cash Receipts.	Cash Disb.
March	$ 168.62	$ 206.45
April	140.40	50.63
May	1,452.44	823.37
Total Cash and Disbursements	$1,761.46	$1,080.45

(Overdrawn, $37.83.)

Cash Balance, $681.01

Paid Dr. J. W. Wood for foreign work, $681.01.
No balance fourth quarter.

LIFE MEMBERS FOURTH QUARTER.

March 14—Mrs. Lucy Alleyne, New Rochelle.
April 23—Mrs. Mamie Wesley, Chicago.
May 2—Mrs. Emily Stevens, Pittsburg, Pa.
Mrs. Rosa Ringold, Pittsburg, Pa.
May 27—Mrs. Hattie Jackson, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Lenora Thomas, Chicago, Ill.

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